

GRAMPS

Who is my biggest supporter and fan of everything I do? Who is willing to go the extra mile just to make things better? Who always encourages me to do my best even when I am struggling? I call this role model in my life Gramps, and he is the most special role model in my life. Whether he's helping me with school, joking around, looking through car magazines, or encouraging me with everything I do. A male role model can have a huge impact on a child's life, inside or outside of school and one of them in my life is my gramps. My gramps is the most important man in the world.

The biggest reason my gramps is a role model is that he supports me in whatever I am doing. Whether it's in sports, school, or just having fun, he is always right there to support me, and I love him for it. One example of this is when I was just a little kid, maybe even just a little baby, and he always read stories to me. Usually he would read me books about farm animals, but sometimes he read me his favorite, The Three Little Pigs. He would always act the story out, like when the Big Bad Wolf was trying to get into the Little Pigs' house, he would use a deep, gruff voice, and for the little pigs, he would use a scared, high-pitched voice. Then later, when I was interested in cars, he showed me how to read the car buyer magazines, like the Auto Trader and Carmax ones. Sometimes at restaurants, we would sit down and try to find the coolest, the most expensive, or maybe the cheapest car. This would help me in school to understand nonfiction and a wide variety of topics, and it would help me develop the huge love of reading and great vocabulary I have today.

Another reason why Gramps plays a huge role in my life is that he is always going the extra mile, which helps me shoot for the stars whenever I can. He always volunteers to help at celebrations at school, and he always is willing to help out with everything that could use it. There are many examples, and here are a couple. When I was in first grade, he volunteered to help at our "Spring Festival", and it turned out to be a blast. He helped us make orange juice, and he also helped pass out different kinds of seeds to try. If he wasn't there, the party would've probably gotten out of hand and we would have to end it early. Also, he always is willing to play games with me, like Monopoly or cards. He usually wins, but he is always willing to spend time with me. When I'm working with a group and there's a problem, I think of Gramps to figure out what to do, and it usually helps the problem get solved.

A final reason why Gramps is a big part of my life is that he encourages me, even when I'm not doing well or struggling. This is usually during my sporting events, but sometimes it's also showcased when I'm having a hard time at school. For example, during many baseball games, when I wasn't doing well, he would always encourage me. He always just told me to calm down and take my time. Then, when I did those things, I usually started to do better and better. Also, when I was bullied, he talked to me about standing up to the bullies, and it really helped me with the situation. He told me that he knew the problem would be solved and I could just get back to my normal life. Then, when I was about to take the MSP in third grade, he gave me test taking tips. It turns

out it really helped, because I got some great scores. Does your grandfather always encourage you to do your best no matter the situation?

All in all, Gramps plays a huge role in my life, for these three specific reasons. First, he always is supporting me, second, he is always going the extra mile, and third, he is always encouraging me when I need it. As you can see, these qualities of my grandfather have really helped me inside and out of school. Do you have a role model in your life like my grandfather? If so, do they have as big of an impact on your life as Gramps?