

A narrative nonfiction book proposal for

## **The Magic of Believing**

**Book 1: Church-Walk-on-the-Beach**

**Book 2: The Twins & the Magic Closet!**



A story to be shared by the whole family

*How two journeys with different generations of grandchildren opened the door to spiritual communication . . . giving each child the keys to the metaphysical laws that will guide them on life's path.*

*One generation becomes a beacon for another — a true family saga.*

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*The True Adventures of a Squirrel Monkey Named Samantha & How She Trained Her Humans*

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## THE MAGIC OF BELIEVING

*A beautiful way to open a conversation about spirituality with a child you love.  
And amazingly . . . as we teach, we learn.*

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#### **Book 1: Church-Walk-on-the-Beach**

Ridgely (10) and her brother, Griffin (8), and their grandparents take a walk along the ever-changing ocean during an adventurous weekend together. Surrounded by the forces of nature and the miracles of sea, it’s a wondrous journey where discoveries unfold. Slowly they realize that lessons in front of them reveal the simple keys for connecting with an incredible power — a power that resides within each of them every day.

#### **Book 2: The Twins & the Magic Closet!**

Twins Kaitlyn and Courtney (13), have hidden and played in their grandparents' walk-in closet all their lives ... where something truly magical always happened. Now, embarking upon the world of high school, Kaite and Coco, are also faced with leaving behind their wonderful ‘magic closet’ as their grandparents move to a new home. However . . . it’s during a long weekend with their grandparents in a new environment that they rediscover the magic they themselves have always possessed — powerful knowledge for young adults facing a challenging world.



## THE CONTENT

### The Premise:

*“Life is a Mobius strip ... we keep learning the same lessons, at a higher level.”*  
*We need spiritual tools in every stage of our life — giving us the greatest chance in successfully navigating the ever-changing seas.*

*The Magic of Believing (Book 1 & Book 2)* is a story of two separate journeys taken with grandparents by a different set of cousins at specific turning points in their lives. (Each “book” within presents the lessons we all need to learn but geared to a different age group.)

During long casual weekends of bonding, the interaction and communication shared on each journey opens spiritual doors that will last a lifetime. One generation guides the next as the grandparents *easily* awaken their grandchildren to the tools they already possess — their birthright — in dealing with the world unfolding around them.

*The Magic of Believing* is based on decades of learning (and re-learning!) the tools of spirituality through every possible human condition — and then discussing their experiences in real conversations their grandchildren.

Opening this door is not always easy for any of us . . . and so this book was written as is a vital, yet safe introduction to spirituality for *anyone who has a child they love*. Set in a fun environment, each book is aimed at two important and inquisitive age groups just learning how to navigate through life (ages 8/10 and early teens) — and is meant to give them life-long successful, and *workable* tools in today’s complicated world.

*However please note:* This book is geared specifically to *any and all adults* who are understandably “*at a lost*” on how to convey the dynamics of a higher power continually at work in a child’s life:

In some form, we all recognize that we are dealing with a physical, mental, and spiritual journey on this earth — and eventually, “all men seek God.” Whatever form that may be called ... it’s a force in each of our life that’s greater than we are. Thousands of books written throughout the ages give testimony to that search . . . no matter what the belief system.

Why not give the tools to those most receptive and most in need as they set out for life?! And hopefully along the way, in sharing this book with a child they love, it might give an adult insight in dealing with their own life — a never ending process (as these grandchildren are about to find out)!

## The Unique Selling Proposition:

After purchasing this book, readers will be able to . . .

- Adult readers will be able to easily approach subjects and experiences that a child can relate to and discuss how a higher power is working through them.

- Help a child understand what it means to have connecting spirituality:

Through the stories, experiences, and discussions between the grandparents and grandchildren, both the adult and the child (or the older child on their own while reading alone) will be able to actually recognize the wondrous evidence around them at deeper level of appreciation and understanding.

- The child will awaken to the understanding that God works through them continually on a personal level. Plainly seeing how the spiritual tools work, each child — no matter the age level — will now be aware that there are ways to successfully work through every situation in life.

The seed will have been planted in a fun and logical way.

- Over and over, this simple book of real-life discussions and observations will prepare children to accept the concept that they possess life-time tools in which to deal with life. For the adults that share this book, it will open doors, like a breath of fresh air, to what they might have been seeking.

Taking this journey with a child will frame spirituality in an active way for today's complex world.

- All readers will realize that they can take an active part in their own destiny by recognizing that real, continual faith and trust are *more than words* – they are techniques that will open doors, allowing problems to be solved. Applying those techniques is our choice and responsibility. And for those who have forgotten, their senses will be renewed as they see — through our real characters — the work of a higher power that is very much present in today's life.

- Understand what appreciation, thankfulness, and gratitude really mean. The reader will see that by having gratitude, even when your world seems difficult to understand, you actually open doors that will not only give you strength to go forth, but a greater understanding of what to do.

- Each reader will be able to understand their responsibility in seeking and using spiritual tools — and that it's not overwhelming or intimidating. 😊

### Because this book will . . .

- Show how to turn earthbound realities like fear, jealousy, and disappointments into faith through using active tools — the spiritual laws — that will restore balance and dissipate the negative effects we each experience at every level of our life. This is a must for children setting out in life — a habit that starts early with concepts they can trust.
- Lay out proven laws and techniques in using spiritual laws for prosperity, anxiety, confusion, relationships, as well as dealing with success and accomplishments — and being forgiving of yourself and others.
- Help the adult learn how to talk to a questioning child or teen . . . how to listen and then ask them questions that will give them a chance to understand the big picture.
- Show, over and over from real experiences, that God is a part of them — that is their birthright:  
 Visualize a tributary (each person created) coming from a large, powerful stream (Divine Power). Our job, throughout the growth of our life, is to continually activate that flow through faith and trust and awareness.  
 This book will show, in a safe, proven, and practical way that this is the power we all possess — and when it is understood and used, it will *draw to us* the good, and the meaning of life we seek.

### The Overview:

The manuscript is divided into two parts (two “books”):

## Book 1: Church-Walk-on-the-Beach

- Grandparents – “Grandmama & Granddaddy” come to stay with grandchildren, Ridgely, 10, and her brother, Griffin, 8 for a long weekend while their parents are out-of-town.
- Activities — swimming, visiting a wildlife preserve, going to a movie, and reading together — provide a comforting environment in which they all bond.
- Emotions and old selfish habits on Ridgely’s part provide an opportunity to learn that actions have consequences.
- The idea of attending a new church on Sunday morning — “Church-Walk-on-the-Beach” — is intriguing to the children, in spite of their concern that they’ll be bored.
- As they arrive at their new church ... they’re both surprised and delighted that they’ll be attending “church” at one of their favorite spots ... the beach!!
- And so starts the journey that, with the children’s encouragement, lasts all day. Surrounded by the forces of nature, and the miracles of the sea, they embark on a wondrous journey where new discoveries unfold.
- Through their grandparents’ guidance and real-life stories, they start to look at even the simplest things with a deeper meaning. There is awe and delight as each child reveals a new observation about that which was once taken for granted.
- Because of the interchange of questions and answers with their grandparents — and with new observations of their own — Ridgely and Griffin slowly realize that the lessons in front of them reveal simple keys for connecting with an incredible power — a power that resides within each of them every day.

## Book 2: The Twins & the Magic Closet!

- Twins Kaitlyn and Courtney (13) have hidden and played in their grandparents’ walk-in closet all their lives.
- As they played dress-up in Grandmama’s clothes and displayed them in an ever-changing fashion show for their relatives, something magical happen.
- Different clothes with different combinations at different stages of their youth ... but with confidence though the transformation of each outfit, they became that which they saw themselves as.

- Now, embarking upon the world of high school, Kaite and Coco are also faced with leaving behind their wonderful “magic closet” as Grandmama and Granddaddy move to a new home.
- During Spring break, they come for a long weekend with their beloved grandparents — a chance to investigate this strange new home.
- The girls are surprisingly delighted with the whole apartment, but especially the big, beautiful patio filled with a long dining table, large plants, colorful pots — and a chimera in which to cook delicious s’mores!
- However, they’re crushed with the realization that there’s no walk-in closet ... what will they do without their “magic closet?”
- So begins their personal journey. Throughout their days and nights together the twins and their grandparents discuss every subject imaginable about their lives ... and the brave new world of high school the twins are about to enter.
- The activities they all share, swimming, the beach, tennis, long lazy meals on the patio, even an evening out at their favorite sea-side restaurant — provide a safe atmosphere where new discoveries are made.
- The twins are reminded of the spiritual tools they learned long ago ... but now those tools are applied to the complex world in which the girls now find themselves. The tools haven’t changed, but the application of them is done at a higher level of understanding.
- Through the days and nights with their grandparents in this special new environment, Kaitlyn and Courtney each rediscover the magic they themselves have always possessed — powerful knowledge for young adults facing a challenging world they will soon have to navigate on their own.
- With a deeper understanding of the spiritual laws — and learning how to apply them in a complex and multilayered world — the girls realize that while they may be preparing to be “on their own,” they are never alone. They now have the tools to attack life head on; helping to create their own destiny, no matter what life presents.

## **Front & Back Cover / Log-Lines Ideas:**

### **Front Cover**

*The Magic of Believing:*

1. How two lighthearted journeys with different generations of grandchildren opened the door to spiritual communication — giving each child the keys to the metaphysical laws that will guide them on life’s path. One generation guiding the next ... a true family saga.
2. Two very different journeys — bound by the quest of one family in seeking the practical tools of spirituality. One generation guiding the next ... and then the next.

### **Back Cover**

1. Two journeys are taken with Grandmama and Granddaddy, each very different, and yet ...!

The spiritual tools we need come from one source — but application of those tools differs as we grow. The examination of these tools when we’re small, changes as we enter our teens.

This book addresses the source, and the difference in understanding spiritual tools (and accompanying life’s lessons) as each age of growth gives us greater clarity.

2. It’s a mental, physical *and spiritual* world in which we are all born – man has documented that since he first walked on Earth.

In each area life tests and rewards us —is the child you love ready?

You don’t learn chess, or swimming, or the multiplication tables — or driving a 3000-pound vehicle — by hoping it will happen someday.

Neither does your child.

The fundamental rules of the game have to be laid out early ... and then practiced in real life.

**The Manuscript:** (Input from the publisher is welcomed)

Manuscript Status: Completed — September 2021. Word count — 68,912.

Special Features: Color photos taken throughout each long weekend.

These photos document:

1. The various activities with the younger grandchildren, especially their discoveries on the beach.
2. Activities with the twins through their pre-teen/teen years. *Also*, there is a delightful series of photos of the twins — at each age level in their youth — while proudly displaying their unique dress-up outfits gathered from their ‘magic closet.’”

All photos can be turned into illustrations. (All photos taken by grandparents – and “Granddaddy” is a profession photographer.)

## THE MARKET

### Characteristics: Who are the readers?

*The Magic of Believing* is designed as a book to be read by an adult and child together. Its prime audience is any adult that has guardianship (or influence) over a young person between the age of 7/8 and 15. This is the specific audience that will be searching in earnest for books that will help them teach a child about God and a higher power. This large and ever-growing target audience is searching for entertaining stories with themes and characters whose experience is rooted in proven life situations. For the children, these stories will become trusted role models for attaining fulfillment and success while walking life's unpredictable path.

Parents (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) need interesting stories with real-life characters that represent the child who, as they grow into teen years, learns how to handle the tough situations in today's life. Stories that contain relevant universal truths wrapped in the complexity of today's modern society. This is what *The Magic of Believing* fulfills — a book that can be read over and over again, gaining something new with each reading, no matter the age.

Also, for any adult reading *The Magic of Believing*, the grandparents' questions and interaction with their grandchildren gently demonstrate a workable pattern of communication that we all search for as we become the generation who now "teaches."

Parenting on any level can be mind-numbing, and communication loses its objectivity when dealing with the daily activities and emotions during a child's development — especially when our lives become so incredibly busy we forget what a good night's sleep is. Our communication approach often needs rethinking. Taking a deep breath through the eyes of the well-experienced grandparents can allow us to put aside our personal emotions and find an effective approach to both the ever-inquisitive younger child, as well as a preteen with emerging "attitudes."

Additionally, for the child (age 8 — 15) who wants to independently read and reread *The Magic of Believing*, the stories become a safe adventure that can help spark within each reader questions they might not have known how to formulate. For both the middle school and preteen child — as the principle concepts of one story (or "book") easily build on the other — the conversations between the grandparents and grandchildren provide an uncomplicated and logical way into deeper meaning. The situations discussed in each book become a springboard into the subjects of character, attitude, and the handling of society's pressures — topics very much at the center of youth's awaking consciousness.

## Motivations: How will this book help the reader?

*“Man seeks God” — something that connects us to a higher power. That’s a vital and undeniable component of who we are. No matter what our belief system is, that drive is a part of our DNA; our consciousness. Centuries of human experience has proven that.*

After decades of experience (and all the inherent learning involved!) I wrote this book because I’ve witnessed first-hand how today’s parents struggle even to open communication about the spiritual self in a secular society. Sometimes it’s as simple as not knowing how to use the world around them for easy conversations that can quietly ignite a child’s spirituality within. In an uncomplicated and enjoyable way, *The Magic of Believing* can provide a direction for anyone who needs to guide a child. The immutable reality exists that it’s “parental” guidance that provides a child’s practical nature with tools that will shape their life by their actions, choices, and belief systems. We seem to now be to understand this with every other subject — but somehow, many feel that spirituality is not important in this modern physical world. Talk about not seeing the forest for the trees!

A spiritual foundation needs to be laid as strongly as learning the alphabet, practicing the scales on a piano, memorizing the multiplication tables, or the practicing the rudimentary basics of any sport — homework has to be done every day. How naive of us to assume that a child will “get it someday” when they’re older. Without early guidance from a trusted source, who will show them the way as they’re struggling to function in an unforgiving world?

*The Magic of Believing* helps solve that problem. It’s a special book that will start the readers on a spiritual road, and will open doors that allow continued communication.

*The Magic of Believing* embodies discoveries found through the experiences of both the older (grandparents) and younger generations (8 through 15). Their communication and the strong bond with each other provide a natural way for the readers to explore their own spiritual nature and understand the universal laws that have a profound effect on their choices — and ultimately their lives.

We are born into a mental, physical and spiritual world. I sincerely believe that the vast majority of adults want to help prepare a child for the tests ahead ... giving them something real “to turn to.” Spiritual tools build character and develop real faith. And where there’s faith, there’s hope — where there’s hope, anything can be achieved or overcome.

Before they step foot into a challenging world, a child needs these tools of discovery early in life. This is when it's easiest to understand and use — forever making it a part of their consciousness. *The Magic of Believing* is an excellent place to for an adult to help a child they love start their own search. . . and in doing so, he might even discover new tools for himself as well.

## Affinity Groups:

*The Magic of Believing* is specifically written as a book reflecting universal spiritual truths, guidelines, and laws as tools for any person of any faith. Even for those who doubt their commitment to a higher power, this becomes a primer on how to handle situations for a better life. Universal spiritual laws are very democratic; they apply to all. No prejudices. No Agendas. No specific religion.

The advantage for promotion / distribution / word-of-mouth, is endless.

1. All religious organizations
2. All service clubs: (i.e. Lion's Club, The Boys & Girls Club, etc.)
3. Private Schools; teachers
4. Family centered groups, non-profits, or organizations (The YMCA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.)

## Competition:

There are literally thousands of books showing that with a strong relationship with God we create our reality and our destiny by the words, thoughts and actions we use. These books help us all to have a more fulfilling life by understanding our connection with a higher power.

These are absolutely vital books I call the “how-to” for spiritual learning.

*However* . . . somewhat less available are entertaining stories based in reality that reflect the spiritual tools *in action* — especially from the hard-learned wisdom of both a female and male role-model.

Upon a comprehensive search, as every reader will do, I found that there's a particular dearth of “spiritual” (nondenominational) nonfiction novels that are entertaining for the ages between 8 and 15 —

the specific age group *The Magic of Believing* addresses. I was inspired to write both books within *The Magic of Believing* from actual events and conversations with my grandchildren in this most important age range.

Parents or highly motivated adults are searching for stories reflecting *spiritual tools* that will help them with life while raising and teaching values to children in this chaotic and complex world. Especially in the highly formative age group of 8 to 15. So, it's interesting to note that the top selling books under non-fiction "novels" (four are listed below) — with strong similarities to *The Magic of Believing* — are for "any age group." They inevitably appeared at the top of all search lists even though the specific age group — middle school to pre-teen — was added to each search. They all reflect the values and spiritual dynamics contained in the narrative nonfiction novel, *The Magic of Believing*, and can be read alone or with the whole family:

**Four of the best-selling narrative nonfiction novels in spirituality — and their similarity to the stories of *The Magic of Believing; Book 1 & Book 2.***

1. **THE BOOK OF HOPE. Jane Goodall, Douglas Abrams** (co-author of "Book of Joy"); October 2021. Best Seller in Consciousness & Thought Philosophy.

"In a world that seems troubled, how do we hold onto HOPE? Through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue, the authors explore one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope. In *The Book of Hope*, Jane Goodall focuses on her Four Reasons for Hope: The Amazing Human Intellect, The Resilience of Nature, The Power of Young People, and The Indomitable Human Spirit. Through *stories* woven throughout Goodall's life and extraordinary work, we find how to see that hope is always present in our lives ... if we have the tools with which to see."

The premise – how to specifically find and hold onto *Hope* — parallels the similar premise in *The Magic of Believing*: That if we have the powerful tools within to use, we can survive and thrive even when the physical circumstances around us look dim. No matter what our age, those tools are part of our spiritual arsenal.

2. **THE CARPENTER: A Story About the Greatest Success Strategies of All. Jon Gordon;**  
May 2014

"A *story* about a man, Michael, who after collapsing on a jog and awaking in the hospital with a bandage on his head and fear in his heart due to the stress and adversity in his life, seeks the wisdom of a simple but wise carpenter. This is the man who saved his life — someone who is also a builder of lives, careers,

people, and teams. He shows Michael the internal keys to the timeless principles to help him stand out, excel, and make an impact on people and the world.”

Like all of Jon Gordon’s other books (THE GARDEN, a spiritual fable to overcome fear; ROW THE BOAT, a never-give-up true *story* on how to choose optimism as your guiding light) this one share strong themes with *The Magic of Believing*: Choosing those tools within you that will light your path instead of being defined by circumstances and events outside of your control.

**3. BEAUTY AS A STATE OF BEING: Mastering Mind and the Spiritual Path.** Solomon Katz; 2014  
 “Dr. Katz blends his *personal insight, poetry and experience* with practical knowledge of psychology and spiritual practices. It’s a guidebook for anyone seeking to understand spirituality while attending to the mind that often sabotages our higher interests.”

The beautiful thing about “Beauty as a State of Being” is that *you can open it to any page and learn something important that you need right at that moment.* This is exactly how *The Magic of Believing* was designed.

**And ... a timeless book that should be on everyone’s list — setting a standard for the wisdom found throughout *The Magic of Believing*:**

**4. C.S. LEWIS’ LITTLE BOOK OF WISDOM: Meditations on Faith, Life, Love, and Literature.**

Compiled by **Andrea Kirk Assaf & Kelly Anne Leay**; September 2018

“While Lewis, a lay theologian, is most famous with his universally popular NARINA series — which in themselves are *stories* of spiritual faith, courage, and triumphantly overcoming adversity — this wonderful book is a compiling of his wisdom found throughout both his fiction and nonfiction books.”

Why this book is parallel to *The Magic of Believing*: Lewis’ gems are written in much the same way as the plain, practical everyday wisdom given by the grandparents (and sometimes the grandchildren!) throughout the two books within *The Magic of Believing*. They speak personally to the reader — not lecturing *at* the reader — on events that are universal to every life. With great respect to C.S. Lewis, readers inspired by of both Lewis’ works and *The Magic of Believing* are able to make their own spiritual reflections that “actively” have meaning and purpose in their lives. Tools-to-live-by.

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Again, this author recognizes that there are many excellent how-to nonfiction books about God’s presence and spirituality in your life for every age range from toddler to young adult+. HOWEVER ... it appears

that the marketplace has a large underserved audience — the middle grade to pre-teen age range — for *stories of spirituality* that actively teach the tools while inspiring and entertaining.

Although formatted as an anthology, one rare example that must be mentioned is:

**CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE PRETEEN SOUL: Stories of Choices and Growing Up for Kids Ages 9-13. Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Hansen; September 2012**

“Written by and for preteens, this uplifting collection of stories touches on the emotions and situations they experience every day: making and losing friends, fitting in while keeping their personal identity, discovering the opposite sex, dealing with pressures at school including violence, and coping with family issues such as divorce.”

While not religious in nature — like *The Magic of Believing* and the universally popular original imprint that started it all, *Chicken Soup for the Soul* — this anthology inspires the spiritual principles that lead to a better life and ultimately a greater connection with a higher power.

### **IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE:**

There are definitely many, many fine nonfiction novels that address God or a Higher Power for children and teens — the two age categories that bookend our target audience of middle school & pre-teen. These are important stories that inspire and entertain — but most are found on the best seller list under the heading of “Christian Books.”

*The Magic of Believing*, while not specifically religious in nature, certainly reflects the same spiritual laws found in the foundation of Christian religion. *However*, it also reflects the same spiritual principles found in Judaism, and other religions worldwide. *The Magic of Believing* doesn’t interfere with the teachings of any religion. It supports them — reflecting that there is a higher power that gives us strength, and through connection with it we can succeed in any experience life presents to us.

Therein lies this book’s universal appeal for all parents — and for any adult that loves a child.

**THE MAGIC OF BELIEVING can find a secure place in the unique but universal niche of true and interesting stories that provide active spiritual tools for a large and important audience: Middle Age & Pre-teens . . . as well as opening new doors for the adults who share this book with them!**

## THE AUTHOR

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Diane is an independent producer (among many credits, she's co-created and produced of the Producers Guild Awards for 10 years), and a writer who also published and edited an entertainment magazine for over a decade (*POV*).

Diane co-wrote — with the late Leonard Stern (noted television producer, and creator of *Mad Libs*) the now iconic book: *A Martian Wouldn't Say That*.

This past year, she was a contributor to the 2021 anthology edition of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: My Hilarious, Heroic, Human Dog*. It recounts the true story of two best friends' incredible friendship: Great Dane Sabrina, and her rebellious BFF, Squirrel Monkey, Samantha.

#### Completed:

- *The Magic of Believing*: Novel (68,500 words) — Two different generations of children share a journey with their grandparents; finding keys to the spiritual and metaphysical laws that guide us on life's path.
- *Beyond Forever*: Novella (30,000 words) — A story about a man and a woman with a love so strong they are driven to reunite through four vastly different lifetimes. (Designed specifically as a springboard for a staged musical.)
- *BLACK INC.* — One-hour TV drama/action - concept/bible, episode breakdown - & Pilot (69 pages).
- *AVENUE OF THE STARS* — One-hour TV drama/action – concept/bible, episode breakdown.
- *Treasure* — Film script based on a true story. A retro-comedy about four families one summer in the 1980s where the children learned to grow-up — and the adults reunited with their child within.

Diane wrote the 2-hr. pilot to the *BLACK INC.* series that she and her partner (NCIS Executive Producer, Charles Floyd Johnson) meticulously created over the last several years. Additionally . . . (with the world upside-down during Covid), their company completed financing for an independent film, *The Battle Over Malta*, that's now being cast. They will produce it next year in Malta, Italy, and England.

#### In Process: Now streaming on Amazon's Vella in episodes —

- *The True Adventures of a Squirrel Monkey Named Samantha & How She Trained Her Humans*. It's the 25-odyssey of Samantha, and how she changed our lives (and our daily dynamics!) as a family. She taught us well. Ultimately this process will help create a narrative-nonfiction novel aimed at readers of all ages.

- Additionally: Theatre trained and accomplished speaker. Moderated several high-profile seminars in New York and Los Angeles. • Accustomed to speaking to large groups & being interviewed for any media platform. • Honored as a runner-up in several international writing contests. • Currently creating a blog: Posting original universal aphorisms about our relationship to each other and to life — and discussing the decisions we make on our journey “in today's world.”

*The Magic of Believing*  
 CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER SYNOPSIS  
 & CHAPTER OBJECTIVE

Book 1:  
**CHURCH-WALK-ON-THE-BEACH**

In these brief descriptions you will see that chapter after chapter the grandparents give their youngest grandchildren practical and sound advice about the ever-flowing spirituality in their lives — backed by examples *the children themselves* bring forth. As the grandparents use the tools of the world around them to enlighten the children, the grandkids ultimately realize that “*with God, we’re more prepared to attack life than be pounded by it.*” Their simple adventures throughout the weekend enlighten them in a new way.

Through fun and interesting conversations, logical reasoning is presented that helps the children understand the strength of spirituality and the powers that are given to each of us as our birthright.

Both the sister and brother realize they can take an active part in their own development by nurturing those powers through their deepening connection with God. “*There are treasures on your path, and they are all yours, but you have to make an effort to see them.*”

Chapter 1: They’re Here!

Objective for Chapter 1:

Introducing the characters ... and the activities ahead during this long weekend of special bonding: A visit to a exotic animal reserve —and a new “strange sounding” church to explore.

Their parents are going out of town, and Ridgely and Griffin’s grandparents have arrived to spend the weekend with them. After saying good-bye to the parents, the first thing this happy clan does is hit the Olympic size community pool. Nothing better! A life-long love of water — one of the most commanding forces of nature — was taught to Ridgely and Griffin (and their cousins, twins Kaitlyn and Courtney), from an early age. They learned great respect for this miraculous element, and love spend hours in both a pool and the ocean. Reflecting about this as they swim with grandparents, Ridgely and Griffin realize they’ve learned a lot about themselves that they hadn’t really thought about, until now. This becomes the starting point for many conversations with Grandmama and Granddaddy that will captivate the children throughout the weekend.

That night, Grandmama tells them about a special church she and Granddaddy would like to introduce them to: Church-Walk-on-the-Beach. This is not met with an overjoyed response, but the kids are curious as to what a church like this would be like (and where!?!), so they agree to give it a try. Their evening is topped off when Granddaddy surprises them with an announcement: Tomorrow they’ll be up close and personal with different force of nature ... wild animals!

## Chapter 2: An Adventure with Wild Beasts!

Objective for Chapter 2:

We share this Earth with many creatures.

At a wildlife preserve for exotic animals that can no longer be turned back into the wild, the kids get a chance witness the exotic creatures beyond the normal neighborhood cats and dogs.

## Chapter 3: A Dark Cloud.

Objective for Chapter 3:

The lessons learned from having a tantrum over something Ridgely doesn't get — and then understanding the consequences of her behavior. Seems Church-Walk-on-the-Beach may be happening in her life *at just the right time*.

Returning home Ridgely has a meltdown because of something that she wants that she doesn't get. The consequences of running everybody's afternoon is that she must sit on the stairwell and think about her actions (she can't even go to her room as her mom let's her). Realizing that she's not going to be allowed to join in with the family fun, she apologizes — and talks about the consequences of her behavior. Even though her grandparents and brother, accept her apology, she's concerned that she won't be able to go to this new church-walk-on-the beach. Grandmama's response. "Oh, I think we all need Church-Walk-on-the-Beach. Especially now."

## Chapter. 4. The day Moves Forward Happily.

Objective for Chapter 4:

It is a day of seeing, watching and then reading about the creatures that share this worldly space with us. What better way to get outside of an all-consuming oneself?

That evening, no better way to recall their day with the animals than to go to the movie, "The Jungle Book!" Afterwards, they buy the original book by Rudyard Kipling, which they take home and read aloud. They learn that many decades ago Kipling wrote these stories of jungle dwellers to teach morals, self-discovery, loyalty and friendship. Still important values for every one of us today.

## Chapter 5. At last! Church-Walk-on-the-Beach.

Objective for Chapter 5:

After accepting that Church-Walk-on-the-Beach is a place they've always loved, their awareness is heightened by the realization that the simple items they find on the beach are actually tools that can unlock their imagination. They're seeing what's in front of them in a whole new way.

Granddaddy's famous pancakes have been enjoyed and our clan is excited to head to their special new church (and the kids *still* can't figure out where it is!). Their greatest hope is that it's not too boring —

and Grandmama assures them that nothing is boring if you dig in and find something to appreciate. When the car pulls in, Ridgely and Griffin are surprised that they're actually at the beach! They set off for a long walk and during this time they realize that inspiration is everywhere — even with sticks of driftwood on the sand. So begins their adventure as they find out just what it means to be at this particular church.

### Chapter 6. Onward!

Objective for Chapter 6:

Learning that church is wherever you are — and that it can be welcoming.

Thus, inspiring the need in them to explore even more.

While heading back to the car the kids decide that they really, *really* like this church and ask to stay longer. Everyone agrees and they head south towards the large cliffs — a direction they've never explored. They're reminded that they can now go to church wherever ... and whenever ... they want as Grandmama responds with: "God's not taking roll-call — He's there for you whenever you want to check-in."

### Chapter 7: Exploring South to the Cliffs

Objective for Chapter 7:

The day is open to them. No bounties in sight as they find themselves ready to investigate the beaches beyond. In their new "church," they seek places they've never gone before.

Walking through the waves lapping at their feet, they talk about the marvels of the ocean and the colors around them. Their red-headed 10-year-old granddaughter believes that all of the examples in front of them can be explained by science. In return, Ridgely's treated to a discussion of the things in life that can't always be explained. This leads to God's ability to be around all of them, and yet in each one — and how free-will gives us the ability to choose our lessons and values.

### Chapter 8: New Territory to Explore!

Objective for Chapters **8 & 9**:

Taking time to be in spiritual place brings a sense of calm to what is usually a busy world around them. The grandkids find that connecting with a higher power *of their own free* will gives them a greater understanding of the tools within them: Their words, their actions, their thoughts, their imagination, and their growth through the experiences they choose to pursue.

Ridgely inquires: "Why there are so many religions?" Grandmama explains that each religion is like going to different friend's home, each with their own traditions. The traditions may vary, but God dwells in each home." This makes sense since the kids have seen this with their own friends. The chapter ends with Griffin and Granddaddy's discussion of how we learn through every grade in school — just like our soul also grows through every lifetime. From this, Griffin finds some comfort in the realization that someday he might physically lose his grandfather, and that when you love someone the communication doesn't

stop: “So, Granddaddy, when you leave this life and are on the other side of the veil, I’ll actually know when you’re thinking of me, even when separated!”

### Chapter 9: Half-Way to the Cliffs!

Griffin opens with, “My friend says there is no God,” to which Granddaddy gently replies, “Ask him to prove it.” This leads to a hearty conversation about the very act of sharing with God, and how it can make you stronger in every way. Thus when you awaken to this special power it’s there for you to use, and rely on. With that strength, you begin to see everything you’ve ever gone through with a much different perspective. The chapter concludes with a conversation about guardian angels — and how they can help you find unnoticed treasures in life ... just like those on the beach!

### Chapter 10: Our New Destination!

Objective for Chapter 10:

Working at building our lives into what we desire is completely up to each of us.

The gifts that we were born with — that are the birthright of every being ever created — are our tools. And through faith, our power is activated.

They reach the furthest point in their walk south along the shore. Ridgely & Griffin are reminded of the many times in their young lives when they’ve *already* demonstrated faith. Griffin immediately thinks of himself as Merlin when it’s pointed out that we’re given so many powers, and highly-tuned “senses,” that it takes a lifetime to develop them. And like Merlin, we have to have the complete faith in those powers, so they will be there when we need them! Granddaddy picks up special shells to add to Grandmama’s large collection in the vase at home — shells gathered from beaches all over the world. She tells the children that each shell in the vase reminds her of adventures she’s had (even some that took courage!) — and how protected she was, wherever she went. She and Granddaddy recall experiences the kids can relate to.

### Chapter 11: Back to the Start to Go Forward!

Objective for Chapters 11:

Conquering lessons, they never thought they’d understand is part of what

Ridgely and Griffin learn as they attempt to now a long beach walk to a familiar place they’ve always loved. But now it’s through completely unknown territory!

They decide to go back to where they started (the beach parking lot) — and then to continue on north of that! On to the pier! What a day ... they now have time to talk about all the subjects dancing through Ridgely and Griffin’s minds! It’s a long walk and first they engage in a family discussion of how unpleasant or difficult moments (and attitudes) can ultimately be blessings to guide you. But Granddaddy also points out to Griffin that each of us are in control of how people treat us — and that acting out in a negative way will only get you the opposite results you were looking for. This hearty conversation circles back to the subject of “listening to,” and “hearing” a Higher Power within. Through the questions they ask, the children come to understand that spending time with God is the best way to develop your deeper

senses. Even as you live your life in a very physical world, the goal is to be aware of the things you can't see with your eyes: "Talking with God is like turning on a light in a dimly lit room."

### Chapter 12: The Walk North!

Objective for Chapter 12:

Learning that to listen to God is our choice by free-will. However, God has a definite way of letting us know if we're heading in the right direction. Then Griffin discovers that, like with God, being connected to one another means that we're part of each other; always.

Death cannot isolate two people.

Walking through the tide as it laps at the beach, Ridgely takes Grandma's hand, and asks, "What happens if we don't listen to God?" As they easily jump over the last remains of a wave, Grandmama smiles, "Well, you have free will sweetheart. So, listening is your choice. But if it's really important, God taps me on the shoulder — just to remind me, I'm not alone." Soon the two grandchildren are giving examples of when they thought they might have felt that "tap." They conclude with a new realization about "change:" How to embrace changes, which is a constant in our lives — *and* how strength comes in handling those changes when you share what you're experiencing with a higher power.

### Chapter 13: The Pier!

Objective for Chapters 13:

The excitement of the pier has always been magical to the grandkids. Through many activities in this special place, the grandparents help translate that magic into something both Ridgely and Griffin can understand and use in their own life.

Finally, they arrive. The old pier, with its rides and restaurants jetting out into the ocean, has become a landmark, and the kids love it. But the experience of approaching it from the beach is completely new — as are so many things this special day. Two hours pass of enjoying the pier, and after a ride on the merry-go-round the kids are tired, hungry and cranky — so they start squabbling; saying hurtful things to each other. They're reminded that they're still in church — that God's presence that's within them wherever they are. After a tasty meal, they get a special dessert and settle into chairs around a cozy fire-pit in the dwindling afternoon sun.

Grandmama summarizes what her grandchildren have learned so far about the powerful secret that everyone carries with them each day: 1. God, Divine Creation, is in us and around us — and is to be called on always. 2. With that assurance, we know that wherever we go we'll have the power to find every tool we need to live life, and without worry (that's called faith). 3. We will be protected while searching.

### Chapter 14: Your Words ... are Definitely Your Wands!

Objective for Chapter 14:

Learning that your innate energy, *directed* through trust (faith), desire and your spoken word unlocks the path to your deepest desires.

Understanding what they learned from science — that their body’s lifeforce is one big energy field — Grandmama then shows them how that energy within us can be directed to do amazing things. Thus ... a long fascinating discussion with the kids and grandparents ensues. And so starts Ridgely and Griffin’s next journey of understanding:

What you say, what you think, what you hope, fear or desire, all that creates energy. That energy, which is in the form of pictures that we review continually, is stored in a special room in our mind, our subconscious. Being an energy field, we then send these images out into the universe to be created as a reality — where eventually what we’ve imagined, appears physically in our lives. *We’ve drawn it to us.* At the kid’s encouragement, Grandmama gives a major example in her life that has to do with her love of sailing ... long before she ever stepped on a boat. Happily, they are very anxious to hear her story.

### Chapter 15: The Boomerang!

Objective for Chapter 15:

Imaging: Through the power of visualization — continually feeling yourself emersed in an image you’ve stored in your subconscious — you communicate with the Universe what you want in your life. That is then reflected back to you (made real) in the physical world.

Understanding the concept of Divine Spirit residing in you: This is where all perfect answers, ideas and pictures reside for you. It is from here you draw all your power,

Grandmama tells the children of specific image. One that was planted many, many times in her special room, her subconscious, and then materialized later for her in the physical world. She grew up on a peninsula overlooking the sea, where she watched the sailboats below. She yearned to be sailing a boat down there with them. But no one in her family sailed. She goes on to describe through a series of life’s unexpected twists and turns, how years later, with her own children in the boat with her, she found herself at the helm as they sailed into that very cove below the peninsula.

### Chapter 16: Return to the Beginning!

Objective for Chapter 16:

How to protect that which we cannot control.

They start their journey walking back down south to the beach parking lot. As they leave the pier to walk the beach below, they encounter a sadly deranged homeless man. Maneuvering the children past him, Grandmama asks them to send a silent prayer his way. This opens a general discussion about bad things that occur in our world, and in our life. Ultimately, after a lot of examples leading to many subjects, their conclusion is that while God protects us whether we believe in a higher power or not ... our search for growth and inner peace can take much, much longer without our awareness of a continual spiritual presence.

### Chapter 17: Our Day is Almost Done

Objective for Chapter 17:

God protects each of us in some form, even if you don’t know how to talk to God.

However, saying or visualizing a prayer, for yourself or others, gives strength wherever you direct it.

They can now see the parking lot in the distance, and everyone knows that the day is drawing to a close. Ridgely questions her grandmother, “What if we think it won’t work to seek God?” To which her grandmother replies, “That passes through everyone’s thoughts, sweetheart. But what is the alternative? How else do we get out of ourselves and come to grips with the world? How do we rise to happiness and hope again — and what choice do we have? To wallow in our misery. Is there another proven alternative to getting over great loss when we’re heartbroken? And — where do we turn when we’re excited because of an event in our lives, and have no one to share it with at that moment?? What I’m asking Ridgely is where else do we go if we don’t seek God’s company ... and he’s right there with us!”

Through their interchange, Ridgely soon finds the answer to the very question she was rightfully concerned about. Then Granddaddy adds, “And remember, Divine Creation loves us so much He gives us free will ... meaning we have free will to choose to love him or not! Now *that’s* an awesome gift! And that, my magnificent grandchildren, is true, pure love.”

Both Ridgely and Griffin quite agree.

#### Chapter 18: Back Again, to the Start Again!

Objective for Chapter 18:

We all doubt that seeking God might not work — so the children are asked what their alternative is. How do we come to grips with this world and rise to happiness or hope again? After all they’ve learned with physical proof on this new journey, the kids search their thoughts — realizing that they can’t think of a more reliable alternative or more immediate way to share and understand their joys, rewards, disappointments, and failures.

After Griffin is outwitted by a seagull, becoming thoroughly wet, the subject turns to “rules of life” and why we don’t need to fear them ... unless you keep breaking the same rule over and over again. The children soon realize that fear and worry are a lot less important in life than going after something you really want to do. “Don’t concentrate on what’s wrong all the time. Ask God for protection every day and be wise about the chances you take. But you must take chances in order to grow in this world. Don’t indulge in unhealthy fear.” Griffin then talks of times in his young life where he tried something — like Tae Kwon Do competition — and overcame his fear to positive results. To this realization Griffin does his “Happy Dance.”

#### Chapter 19: One Last Look

Objective for Chapter 19:

Wherever you are, church can be enlightening and relevant. It can be embraced.

Our job is to “tune in.” A great lesson to learn as one starts their own adventure into life.

They’re now in the parking lot overlooking the beach as the sun sets. After climbing into the open convertible, they take one last look towards the sea, making it “forever green in their garden of memories.” As they drive out, Granddaddy asks them to promise that “you’ll never get too Earthbound.”

With a puzzled look on their faces, their grandfather happily responds with, “We’ll talk about that next time, when we return to our official *Church-Walk-on-the-Beach!*” To which his grandson shouts back over the wind in the backseat, “It better be soon, ’cause there’s a lot I have to ask!”

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In thousands of years of walking this Earth, one thing is undeniable:

*Man seeks God no matter what we call it. Even those who profess to disbelieve ... eventually seek something beyond themselves. It’s part of who we are.*

It’s not “wishes or hopes” that grandparents share with their grandchildren; they offer verifiable realities based on their decades of living. Next, they support the spiritual foundation for their young teenage granddaughters, twins Kaitlyn & Courtney. Grandmama and Granddaddy use real experiences, and real conclusions that were built upon throughout their lives.

This foundation becomes even more important as teenagers prepare to face the world on their own. In this next journey a new level of discussion takes place — based on the world in which their twin granddaughters strongly relate.

*Now on to Book 2 Chapter Summaries . . .*

**Book 2:  
THE TWINS & THE MAGIC CLOSET!**

Chapter 1: The Closet

Objective for Chapters **1—5**:

Understanding the symbolism that is represented by each of our closets. For the twins, it was a place to become whatever they wanted. This was their first great initiation — “Learning that the magic of ‘projecting what you believe you are’ when you’re young, is a way to develop your God-given powers. Thus, the true magic of your life is within you ... wherever you are for as long as you live.”

There is meaning and wonder in a closet whose contents represent events in our lives. It’s so much more than a place to store our clothes. There is much to think about as we search among the items that symbolizes our days and nights. In the morning, we reflect on our day as we look at the clothes before us. But at night, a closet can be a place to escape, to pretend, and to try on different dreams as we place the colorful garments in an array of combinations on our bodies.

And that’s exactly what Grandmama and Granddaddy’s walk-in closet was for the twins, Kaitlyn and Courtney, for as long as they could remember.

### Chapter 2: Anytime was Exploring Time!

Through the years when they were at their grandparents, the twins would go to their “magic closet” to play as often as they could — usually enticing their younger cousins, Ridgely & Griffin, to join them. They’d try on various combinations of oversized clothes, hats, shoes, belts and accessories — and happily display their unique wardrobe ensembles in a continuing fashion show to their family gather in their grandparents’ spacious living room.

### Chapter 3: Discovering the “Fashionitas”

The combination of clothes and accessories that made up each outfit was stunning. It was particularly fascinating to see how the combinations changed each year for each girl. The twins never got tired of playing with the same clothes because as they grew older, the combinations of what they pulled together from the magic closet evolved. Always different than before and always different from each other.

### Chapter 4: Closet Fun (& And Responsibility — Ye Gads!)

By the time. Kaitlyn and Courtney reached six, Grandmama felt they needed to learn how to put each item back where they found it. Clean-up was part of the responsibility of playing in such a magical place. When they were very young, Grandmama would enter to show them how to put items away— and as they got older, they’d grab their cousins for clean-up. By now, their grandparents could see that the girls possessed individual personality traits that we’re going to serve them well in life ... once they learned how to use them properly.

### Chapter 5: Time Moves Forward

In their preteen years, the girls were blossoming into young women. Although they would still visit their magic closet, now it was for trying clothes and combinations they could actually wear out in public. But a few outfits were still reserved for dreams of “someday.” Their lives were full of soccer, junior high activities, friends, and studying — and helping Granddaddy cook during family holidays. But no matter how full of activities their visit was to their grandparents’ home ... there was always time to enter that magical place where they can become whatever they want.

### Chapter 6: Life Changes!

#### Objective for **Chapter 6 & Chapter 7:**

The one thing in life that’s guaranteed is “change.” At 13, the twins start out for the first time in a strange atmosphere, but under safe conditions. They come to stay in their beloved grandparents’ new home. *This is where they’ll learn to embrace change without fear — a lifelong lesson.*

It was six months after the girls' turned 13, while they were finishing their last year in junior high, that their grandparents moved to a new home. It's a beautiful condo with floor to ceiling windows across the living room that looks out into a large, inviting patio. Outside the patio walls, the whole property is circled with giant trees — and it's right in the middle of the city! However, there is no walk-in-closet. The twins' magic closet is no more. Not as a physical place anyway. But then, Kaitlyn and Courtney now no longer needed it to be — it just takes them a little while to understand why.

### Chapter 7: Coming Home

It's spring break when the girls first get to see their grandparents' new home. Grandmama guides them through each room as Granddaddy prepares the dinner they'll all enjoy on the new spacious patio. They love the new place and start to feel at home when they see some of their personal items in the guest room. The tour ends with a big sigh from Courtney, "There's no walk-in closet; what are we going to do!?" Grandmama gently responds with, "Girls, you don't need an actual place anymore, you have the magic closet within you." To which Kaitlyn says, "Oh sure. That's something nice adults say when kids are disappointed."

*So starts a journey of new discovery for the girls.* For them, it's a time when many of life's complexities are questioned. While solutions are not always easy or pat, the answers they receive may prepare Kaitlyn and Courtney to face their future with a set of tools they can use for the rest of their lives.

### Chapter 8: Dreaming is Believing

Objective for Chapter 8:

Kaite rightfully observes "believing is not so easy as we get older."

She recognizes that the physical world, and its mirid of never-ending details, intrude.

But, as their Grandmama points out — "what fun is there in knowing all the twists and turns ahead? *However*, being prepared to deal with them in the most constructive way ... now that's the key!"

While the girls understand many of the spiritual laws they've grown up with, the pressure of transitioning into adulthood make it an important time to expand their understanding — and in a way that relates to the "sometimes overwhelming" every-day life they're experiencing in this new juncture of their journey.

They've always understood that visualizing your dreams is a powerful manifestation magnet, but jnow ... they need take it to the next *level of consciousness*.

### Chapter 9: You're a Powerful Instrument

Objective for Chapter 9:

The twins learn that what they saw and did their magic closet is also the same law or principle that can be applied to *everything* they want to happen in their life.

Applied correctly ... that's a powerful instrument.

“So, you’re saying that in the magic closet I saw what I wanted to be. Whether or not I understood it when I was very young.” Kaitlyn says to her grandmother. “Grandmama responds, “Correct, it’s that simple. And it’s the same law, or principle you apply to everything you want in your life.” At which point Courtney offers a great analogy, “Okay, then it’s like ordering a Happy Meal.” The all agree that seeing the Golden Arches initiates a strong image of what they want to order. Meaning ... you have to have continual faith, without doubt, in the image you see with your inner eye (the Golden Arches). You then use that image to bring forth the manifestation of what you want (the happy meal). *We manifest what we want through our deep subconscious images. A power that each of us is given at birth. Our birthright.*

### Chapter 10: Turning on the Switch

Objective for Chapter 10:

Divine power resides in each of us— but we must learn how to constructively use that power through our thoughts and vibrations. “Learning to believe” starts with being thankful for that which we have yet to manifest. The girls learn that childhood acceptance and visualization triggered their reality — thus verifying the process of belief.

Grandmama reminds the girls, “You are both an integral part of the creative power that governs all. You possess the ability to use your powerful instrument ... by learning how you direct your thoughts and vibrations.” She summarizes for the twins: The gift is yours — your job is learning how to use it. If not used, it sits idle — or the wrong images are sent out from your subconscious into the Universe (the “superconscious” – where all power dwells)

First it starts with being thankful and reviewing the basics. Kaitlyn realizes that when she put on the red high heels in the magic closet, she accepted as real whatever she felt she was. Therefore, she believed. *Once you believe without doubt, the vibration manifests.*

### Chapter 11: Into the Garden

Objective for Chapter 11:

Understanding the many forms of using our God given powers  
— and expecting results.

Dinner in the grandparents’ garden and inspired by the physical items around them, spark the girls’ imagination. They acknowledge that “when we’re young, pretending — which comes easily and naturally to the soul — is a form of using our God given powers.” This leads them to simplify the meaning of manifesting: *“What we expect is already making itself ready for us. But we can’t see those things until we move forward and meet them in the future.”*

### Chapter 12: S’mores & the Illusions of Life!

Objective for Chapter 12:

If we choose to let go of the once negative things that happened to us, they become the “illusion” of reality — because they’re no longer a part of what we do and how we function. Whereas, if we hold on to and use the positive memories and actions — they that infuse our life forever. That is our lasting reality. The proof is in the value of what we choose to remember.

“How can the world around us, all the events, all the places — all the people and what they say and do — be an illusion???” This is asked by the girls as they’re all enjoying s’mores on the patio under starlight. To answer, Granddaddy asks, “Which do you remember, the nasty girl who made you cry in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, or the Christmas when the whole family was together when you were surprised by your first bikes?” Their answers illuminate a new prospective in the twins’ thinking.

### Chapter 13: The Keys: Unlocking the Veil to the Other Side

Objective for Chapter 13:

The creation of the Bible has a history too — and interpretation starts with understanding it’s evolution.

As they discuss the understanding of the law — “God and I are one” —their conversation turns to the difficulty of understanding the Bible in today’s world. It’s like a foreign language to many. The girls learn that the Bible is a book inspired through man by God — and at the time, written in Hebrew. Then it was translated for the world by the Greeks. So, in its original form it’s full of metaphysical interpretations — which are spiritual laws, some say even mystical. Then, though the years, the English translation gave the written words a very literal meaning, with much of the important underlying meanings left out. Thus, it’s difficult to understand — especially based on the difficulty of the language spoken at the time of translation. They find out that “to Fear God” was originally intended to mean “to Respect the Law.” And that “Hell” is actually when we are “separated from God.” What a difference.

### Chapter 14: Embrace Changes!!!

Objective for Chapter 14

Both success and failure have lessons we can embrace. Confidence grows from this habit.

“Testing our metaphysical muscle,” Granddaddy offers, “means that we are tested by both our successes and failures.” (To which the girls respond, “Ug – more tests!!”) Through the discussion the girls become encouraged to embrace these tests – “for all lessons learned give you greater confidence about yourself — and determine how you face the world.” Strong examples in the girls and grandparents’ lives draw on this conclusion.

### Chapter 15: Breakfast on the Patio

Objective for Chapter 15:

What we can control and what we can’t — and how to deal with both.

Before everyone heads to the complex’s gorgeous Olympic size pool for an early dip, a fabulous breakfast is enjoyed on the patio. The conversation turns to a version of the idiom, “changing horses is the middle of the stream” As Grandmama explains, “If we’re doing one thing, and we’re not getting the results we want, then at what may feel like a *very* critical moment ... we need to have the courage to approach it from another direction.” Granddaddy adds, “And yet, when we humans are in the middle of a problem, or a relationship, that’s the very time we tend to rely on what we’ve always done.” This leads to the girls’

lively discussion on what actions they can control in life, and those — like fairness — that may be out of their realm of knowledge in a given situation.

### Chapter 16: To the Pool; It's Too Great a Risk to Play It Safe!

Objective for Chapter 16:

“The proper function of man is to live, not just to exist.” Living involves risks of all forms. Not taking certain risks, is risking that your life will not be well-lived. How will young adults know which risks are worth taking?

Not taking risks in life ... not investing in life ... often produces an outcome that's not very good. One can find themselves alone and afraid of everything — especially afraid of being hurt by people. “And that will paralyze you.” As the girls listen to their grandparents, they question the safety of taking risks – how will they be protected? Where's the guarantee they'll be more positive results than negative? For Kaitlyn and Courtney understanding their feelings and how to move forward is a great part of the conversation. Granddaddy assures them that “Every time we step out there, we gain far more knowledge than one can imagine. And that's the springboard that moves us forward.”

### Chapter 17: After the Swim: Awakening to Our Possibilities!

Objective for Chapter 17:

Understanding the concept of being positive and its importance: If you're positive, you send off the right vibrations —drawing people and opportunities to you that open new doors and solve problems. “Attitude opens the gates for God to flow in.”

They all settle down on lounges next to the pool after a long swim. Kaite reflects on what they spoke about the night before. This stimulates a conversation about attitude and facing the world: “A person with a good attitude is better equipped to look at things honestly. They are less apt to be afraid of what they see., because they know that things can get better.”

When Courtney comments that “Giggling and smiling all the time is so junior high!”— Grandmama responds with: “We're talking about a deep-down connection with the world around us . . . not a superficial hyper-imitation of happiness. Positivity starts with a strong effort to ‘get outside of ourselves.’ We stop thinking just about ourselves – especially when we label ourselves as ‘victims.’” Courtney's honest reply: “Easier said than done Grandmama!”

Grandmama and Granddaddy set about to explain how that can be accomplished, using real life steps with which the girls can strongly identify.

### Chapter 18: The Reservoir Against Cynicism

Objective for Chapter 18:

Being overwhelmed by the events of daily life can “dim your light within” — and thus your expectations. A deadly cycle downwards. Then ... “the pain of disappoint is compounded by the pain of turning away from the High Power.”

Everyone's inside relaxing and slowly preparing for their evening ahead at their favorite sea-side restaurant. Out of the blue, Kaite mentions to her grandmother, "What I don't understand is *why* anyone would reject all those powers that we're given as our birthright. I mean, not to live in fear of what's around the next corner ... why turn away from that??" Grandmama responds, "When humans are hurt enough, or disappointed, they tend to become cynical." This is the springboard for a lively conversation. Through several metaphors of their own creation, the girls come to realize the foolishness of turning away from a Higher Power: "That's like being upset that you don't have anything to drink, and then when someone offers you water, you turn away from it. Now, how dumb is that!?!"

### Chapter 19: Feel Alone?

Objective for Chapter 19:

Feeling "alone" happens for many reasons. But it's not permanent. That's when we have to use the power of knowing that we are a part of something greater.

That while we may feel "alone" ... we're never "abandoned."

Enjoying this lazy afternoon of relaxing with her grandparents, Kaite brings forth a thought troubling her, "If happiness is an attitude, it's really hard to be happy when you're all alone. "Oh, I hear you," Grandmama replies. "But being alone is part of the human condition — throughout our lives." To which Coco adds, "But *I never felt alone in our magic closet.*" That's the very theme that evolves as the afternoon sun gets ready to set.

### Chapter 20: A Dinner Out: But How Do I Communicate with Humans?!

Objective for Chapter 20:

In connecting with others in our life, difficulty inevitably arises when we concentrate on "what we want to say." Try understanding what the other person is actually feeling by reaching out and asking questions. And then listening.

The fresh smell of the ocean is worth the wind in their hair as they ride up the coast in the open convertible. Settling into their booth where they can see the ocean waves, everybody orders and receives their festive drinks. Time is ripe to open another chat. Katie starts, "It sounds like communicating with the spiritual world is a lot easier than communicating with humans. At least the humans in my world." Coco gives a thumbs-up to her sister's statement. The grandparents certainly relate ... but ask if the girls really understand the prospective of the person to whom they're speaking?? This leads to an illuminating reflection in understanding fellow humans — of both genders. In turn, an unexpected surprise presents itself: Each twin has a greater understanding of their sister, and the differences that are to be admired.

### Chapter 21: A Magic Bullet to get Through a Tough Moment

Objective for Chapter 21:

Sending a text takes longer than sending a prayer. So, everyone has time for a prayer.

A prayer puts your "vibrating force within" on the direction to heal — no matter how chaotic or disastrous the day appears.

Although there was a light rain during dinner, the sky's clear as they go for a short walk along the ocean's rocky shore twilight gives way to evening. Kaite digs further into Grandmama's own turmoil in getting through high school. Some of Grandmama's memories make the girls laugh — but they find they can identify with the emotions, and then the solutions Grandmama shares. And her “magic bullet” astounds them.

### Chapter 22: Hot Chocolate on the Patio: Who Do I Compare With?

Objective for Chapter 22:

Learning to be honest with yourself — as painful as it sometimes is — will steer you in the right direction in realistically appraising a situation. Is what I'm facing real or an illusion?

A late-night warm drink on the patio tops off a great day and gets them ready to settle in for a long-night's rest. The girls are asked to find the small successes in their everyday life. Not just in school or sports, but in their relationships as well. In learning the secret of being rock-honest to themselves (at a time when nobody else is witness) — meaning, how they really feel, and whether an emotion is silly or valid — they gain a better understanding of how to interact with the world. “Don't lie to yourself!” Through appraising their own feelings realistically — checking in with honest answers to their own emotions — they can appraise whether what they're facing is real or an illusion. When the conversation turns to “comparing yourself to another person” ... Granddaddy shows them how that comparison demonstrates a lack of gratitude for the gifts each of us has been given.

### Chapter 23: Lifting Spirits on the Way to Bed

Objective for Chapter 23:

Neutralize doubt using a higher power ... living in fear is not living.  
And fear stops us from becoming whatever we want to be.

Courtney shares thoughts with her granddad and states that talking things out with her grandparents helps her avoid panic. She feels that doubt sometimes creeps up on her ... especially now that she's facing high school! He smiles in return, “That's why we're trying to fill your toolbox with knowledge that will prepare you.” Her next comment sets-up a revealing conversation “Yeah, well ... my toolbox doesn't seem very full yet. Things were so much better when we played in your closet. I didn't know that much. *I just became whatever I wanted!*”

Eventually, after some push-back, both girls realize what Granddaddy says is true, “Self-doubt is part of what you have to deal with. It's how we analyze ourselves. But when it puts us into a state of fear — that's when we have to do something to neutralize it. It no longer becomes constructive tool.” Then Grandmama shares how to *realistically neutralize doubt through using a higher power.*

### Chapter 24: Breakfast in Sunshine & A Walk Down Memory Lane!

Objective for Chapter 24:

God is acting on every level in our lives — producing what we need and want. Our connective power with Divine Mind works on even what

“appears” to be smaller details in our lives. The twins are recognizing that they might not have really lost their “magic closet.”

First the girls and Granddaddy have short volley of tennis on the complex’s court while Grandmama is preparing an early breakfast. Around morning activities, the topics the twins and grandparents share are: How Divine Mind works on the smaller details of our life ... and how getting what you wish for is a power we can use in every aspect of daily living (*even* in facing the energy of the weather; a tale Granddaddy tells about Grandmama and a ski adventure!). It’s though that power Grandmama relates how the beautiful patio they’re sitting in came into her life. For the first time, each twin is beginning to understand why this year was *the perfect time to lose their magic closet* ... so they could start using their powers on their own.

### Chapter 25: The Beach, The Fourth Dimension, & Quantum Physics

Objective for Chapter 25:

Learning how to vibrate at a higher level through communication with Divine Power. This effort on our part brings us closer to listening to the very real world that exists beyond us — thus enhancing our ability to be guided.

At the beach, none of them get tired of tackling the ocean’s mighty waves. Or the building of their traditional sandcastle. Soon our happy clan stretches out on their towels in the warm sand. Kaitlyn and Courtney ask Granddaddy about his comments on the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension — the other side; which he says is actually the “real” world (“*on Earth as it is in Heaven*”). Granddaddy explains through the dynamics of quantum physics: The more we communicate with God, the more we strengthen our powers — like developing our electrical force field around us. As the girls recently learned in science, we’re an electrical force field and we’re all vibrating at a certain level – but each differently. Thus, the more we use our powers by communicating with Divine Mind, the more we vibrate.

The conclusion: The more we’re in tune with the fourth dimension — the spiritual plane — the more we are able “feel” and “hear” from that side. Thus, the more we are guided. The guidance is always there, but it’s *our job* to “tune-in” ... just like turning on a TV!

### Chapter 26: Writing in the Sand and Our Heritage

Objective for Chapter 26:

Why it’s important — especially as one stands on the brink of adulthood and the world beyond — to consciously understand the vital importance of improving our spiritual force ... every day throughout our life.

On the traditional family walk after the last swim in the late afternoon, Granddaddy starts writing a short letter of appreciation to the Universe in the sand: We are blessed ... our account is full and overflowing.” Granddaddy explains, “It’s about everything we’ve been talking about — only Grandmama’s using the symbolism or our Universal Bank Account with God.” As their grandparents explain — Courtney’s grandparents explain, each of us has a Universal Bank Account! “Throughout your life, you put in deposits — be it faith, spiritual development, appreciation. And then, you withdraw what you need —

success, happiness, guidance, etc. It's a two-way process — don't be afraid to draw upon it." This leads to an important discussion responding to Kaite's question: "But what if a lesson stumps you. And you can't make your deposit?" The logic from their grandparents provides a path of action both girls understand and can use.

The long weekend has impressed the girls with the realization that they have real tools with which to deal with life and its complex situations — tools each of us brings over from the other side ... "the permanent side!" The girls conclude: "So, the magic closet is where we first learned to practice our tools ... when we were very young, when it was natural and easy." Granddaddy brings it full circle: "We use our spiritual tools naturally when we're young, because we haven't become too 'earthbound' — getting caught up in the things we have to do to keep our daily lives running. Unfortunately, that's when we start sacrificing our spiritual connections."

The girls are now beginning to understand the real importance of improving their spiritual force — and working at it throughout their life. As Grandmama says ... *"We need to retain it — before we can't see it anymore."*

### Chapter 27: Saint Anthony's Remarkable Power!

Objective for Chapter 27:

Through the power of prayer — or turning over a problem to trusted symbol of spirituality and faith like Saint Anthony — provides the expectation that the problem will be solved. At that level of vibration, we each become a strong magnet, allowing an answer to be revealed.

After everyone takes a turn at a shower, the hungry and slightly sunburn crew all start to whip up dinner. As a cool breeze wafts through the patio, they decide to eat inside at the large round dining room table. They've just sat down when Kaite asks: "Who's Saint Anthony ... you've mentioned him a couple of times throughout the weekend Grandmama?" Thus, is shared the story and the impact in Grandmama's life by this remarkable saint ... the saint who returns lost things! (Courtney feels he would be of great use when she can't find her homework to turn in; to which Granddaddy replies with a wink, "It usually helps to do the homework before you lose it." His granddaughter winks back, "What fun would that be Granddaddy.")

Over dinner Grandmama tells them the significance of relying on the knowledge that Saint Anthony represents when you call upon him, "for in the real Universe, nothing is ever lost, you just can't find it." The girls are riveted by the examples in Grandmama's life where relaxing, turning to Saint Anthony to find something, and then "letting go and letting God" has produced some very important results. The girls realize that the expectation that an item will be found is a direct message of faith. Then, *at that vibration*, Grandmama became a strong magnet, allowing the item to be revealed.

However, the biggest test of "letting go and letting God" through Saint Anthony was the loss of Grandmama's wedding rings, which appeared to have fallen off the pier into the sea below. The girls are riveted as they listen to her incredible story.

### Chapter 28: Saying Good-Night as We Come to a Close

Objective for Chapter 28:

Never fear examining that which we don't understand — it will give us greater insight into all aspects of life. After a long weekend in a new environment, the girls now know that *feeling lonely for what was in the past can be transformed into peace as we face the future*. We carry that magic with us.

Just before they all turn in for bed, Grandmama is watering the big potted plants on the patio. Tomorrow is Easter and the twins' mom will arrive to spend the special day and then take the twins home. Kaite wanders out while she's waiting for her turn in the bathroom, where Coco is taking her time indulging in a bath. Kaite's question is, ““did you ever notice Grandmama that you often quote famous philosophers who are actually well-known scientists? Like Benjamin Franklin, Isaacs Newton, Albert Einstein, and Plato?””

Two of Grandmama's favorites are Einstein's “*Imagination is far greater than knowledge.*” And Plato's “*The one with the greater knowledge has the greater responsibility.*” Coco joins them and adds that Plato was repeated to her “every time I did something where I should have known better!”

With the two girls settled into the big wicker chairs as their grandmother finishes watering, Grandmama's response to Kaite's original question is, “These great men of science found by studying life — meaning, how events happen to us, and how our choices affect our destiny — that many things they found as true can be explained only by ‘a force’ beyond us. Each recognized and wrote about a Divine Spirit from which we — and all things — are created.”

She continues as they move inside, “Understanding the process of science where theory is tested and evolves, leads to greater depth and insight into all life. And *that* gives us a greater connection to that which we don't understand.” Granddaddy joins them and their conversation is rounded out with why we need to study all history surrounding everything ... the good, the bad and the ugly. Burying any knowledge only leads us to making the same mistakes again and again. As the grandparents give examples Kaite and Coco can strongly identify with, the girls nod in agreement when Granddaddy says, “So you see, to flat-out deny any other option than what you ‘think’ you know, limits your critical thinking in just about every area of life.”

As the grandparents tuck them in and say good night to their beloved teenage twins, both girls admit they were scared that they wouldn't feel comfortable in the new home. Grandmama identifies with their fears, and they discuss *how feeling lonely for what was in the past can be transformed into peace as we face the future*. Kaitlyn and Courtney not only feel comfortable in this new home, but are looking forward to embracing the change and making new memories.

Especially now that they know they've brought their Magic Closet with them!

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*An author's parting thought:*

If science can't explain many of life's mysteries, perhaps it's only because we haven't learned enough to connect the dots. It's not unexplainable, we just haven't advanced far enough in the metaphysical world to reveal the higher logic behind the mystery. And we've been given this life to just that — grow and

advance through our ever-present connection with God Power. By our birthright, we're being given all the tools with which to achieve that growth in this marvelously imperfect world.

A NOTE — Why This Book!

***The Magic of Believing; Book 1 & Book 2***

Through these long weekends with their grandparents, the children learn what it means to see and hear beyond their regular senses by deepening their relationship with God. All four grandchildren come to understand that as the personal relationship with a Higher Power gets stronger, they'll understand things they would have missed on their own . . . *learning that as our perspective changes, so does our life. It's our choice.*

With examples both the grandchildren and grandparents present, each child is reminded that their job is to understand the dynamics that activate their God-given "power" within — that power is their birthright. But, that takes vigilance and demonstrated faith. Every day of every year.

As these examples from life are brought forth, the grandkids learn that these powers given by our Creator are active tools . . . not just words. Not always easy to demonstrate — but always *awesome* in results.

Along the way . . . we all need solid reminders with which we can identify as life becomes more complex, more layered, and definitely more interesting.

That's exactly what ***The Magic of Believing*** is here for.

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# Church-Walk-on-the-Beach

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*Two children and their grandparents take a  
long walk along the ocean's shore.  
. . . where discoveries unfold  
that will stay with them forever.*

## Book 1: Church-Walk-on-the-Beach

### CHAPTER 14 Your Words . . . are Definitely Your Wands!

The small flickering fire is just enough to make everything seem cozy, especially now that a soft breeze is kissing the pier in the late afternoon sun.

Grandmama hands everyone a special after-dinner treat — four huge cookies she bought from a vendor on the pier earlier when everyone was playing games. There were smiles all around as she gives each family member a big, gooey, beautifully baked treat.

“Okay, Griffin, let’s get into how you use these special wands every day — and every night,” Grandmama says as she sits back with her cookie and carefully places her feet on the edge of the fire pit.

“First, we know that our body — and our life force within our body — is one big energy field ... right?”

“Oh yes ... I learned that in science this year.”

“I thought you had, Ridgely. Do you understand what that means, Griffin?”

“Sure. Dad said that everything is energy — even a rock. But every time I look at a rock, it looks real still to me. Maybe they’re just lazy.”

“I think they just vibrate at a really low, low level.” Granddaddy smiles.

“Well ... I can’t see any of this vibration from a lot of things,” Griffin replies.

“Ah, that’s why you have to accept the unseen!” Ridgely chimed in, sitting up a little straighter.

“Correct you are!” Granddaddy reaches over and congratulates her with a hearty handshake.

Grandmama is finishing the first chewy bite of her tasty cookie when she continues.

“That energy in us can be directed to do amazing things. In fact, we are constantly creating mental pictures – which are a powerful form of energy. These pictures — our ‘thoughts’ as we call them — come about through the words we say, or the mental images we produce.”

“Oh, I have a lot of thoughts ... in fact, Mom says that my mind never seems to rest.”

“And she is so very right, Griffin. You have a particularly active mind ...”

“And a really big ...,” Ridgely started.

“Ridgely ...” Granddaddy raises his eyebrow at his granddaughter, and nobody messes with Granddaddy when he raises his eyebrow. Ridgely only takes a split-second to think and continues.

“... big ... imagination. A really awfully big imagination.” Ridgely finishes and then smiles cleverly at her grandfather.

Grandmama winks at Granddaddy, and then continues quickly to make sure the conversation stays on the right track.

“Well, all these images and words are constantly being stored in a very special room in our mind. We view these pictures over and over again. Often, they are pieces of the dreams we have for ourselves. — and the most important images of how we see ourselves. They are also things we privately ‘tell’ ourselves about who we are and what we can or cannot accomplish.”

Granddaddy now continues. Grandmama views this as a perfect opportunity to take another bite of her cookie.

"We can also store our fears in that special room. And most of the time we don't even know we're doing it."

"You mean fears like when something scares us on TV?" Ridgely questions.

"Well, that usually concerns our physical being. And, as fun, as it is to be entertained that way — most of the time, it doesn't have a whole lot of lasting effect. But the worse kind of fears are the ones you never see but always think about."

"Like what?" Griffin adds. "What could be worse than scary monsters?"

"Constantly seeing ourselves fail at an activity, we want to be good at — and often, before we even try. Or, thinking that we're not worthy of a person's friendship. Or, worrying that someone you care about is never going to be happy, or safe. Basically, it's concentrating on the failure instead of seeing and believing in the success of something you're concerned about."

At that point, Granddaddy picks up a small piece of firewood stacked nearby and places it on the fire. The energy of the new wood sends the flames, smoke, and sparks quickly up into the air. He continues.

"Then we send these images — the really good and the not-so-good images — out through our energy into the energy of the Universe."

Grandmama continues, "And eventually, what we imagined appears physically in our lives. We've drawn it to us."

"Okay, Grandmama, I'm lost," Ridgely announces. "And since I'm 10 ... getting lost is very hard for me to do."

She points at Griffin, who is enjoying the last few bites of his cookie, "Imagine how my poor brother feels."

"Huh ... how can she know how I feel? I don't know how I feel?" Griffin retorts.

"I think she was trying to be gracious, Griffin. It's what we call a 'left-handed compliment.'" Granddaddy adds.

"Hmmm ... I don't think it felt like a compliment." Griffin states as he finishes his cookie.

“Exactly. Now you know why it’s called ‘left-handed.’” Granddaddy says as he pops the last bite of his cookie in his mouth.

Grandmama is also finishing her cookie and realizes that everyone is now looking at her.

“Okay, Ridgely. I think I can explain this better.”

“Oh, you’re going to draw a better ‘picture’ for us, Grandmama?” Ridgely can hardly contain herself with her cleverness.

"Actually, my clever one, that’s exactly what I’m going to attempt.” Grandmama grins, somewhat deflating Ridgely’s moment.

“When we’re young ... we're not even aware that by our words and our thoughts — said out loud or silently — we’re actually planting these images deep in our mind. Where we plant them is in *our special room that is called our Subconscious.*”

Ridgely jumps in ... "Oh, planting ... like a garden."

"Somewhat ... yes, that's a good way to think of it, Ridgely," Granddaddy reflects as he licks his sticky fingers. "Visualizing something over and over and storing it in our special room, is a lot like tending a garden."

“Now our *Subconscious* rests in a very important part of the amazing mechanism we call our brain,” Grandmama continues as she hands Granddaddy a small damp paper towel for his fingers. “And most of the time we’re not even aware that we’re storing the images there. But we are, all day and all night.”

“And t-h-e-n," Granddaddy says with great suspense.

"Then ... we send those images out into the world through our powerful energy. It's an energy that's always vibrating; always sending and always receiving. That's just the function of our energy field."

"Is that how the animals 'talked' to me at the LIONS, TIGERS & BEARS — vibrating their thoughts to me?"

"Exactly Griffin ... That's how we all can communicate if we work on it."

"Boy ... another power!!!" Wow." Griffin says.

"Is that what's call SSP Granddaddy?" Ridgely inquires softly.

"SSP ... SSP?" Granddaddy is obviously in a quandary.

"Our cousins were saying something about it last week ... a different form of communication, but I don't think they knew what they were talking about." Ridgely observes.

"You only say that because the twins are two years older than you ... and you don't like that they're smarter than you," her brother teases.

A light bulb has gone off in Granddaddy's head. "Ohhhhh ... Was it, E-S-P Ridgely? Does that sound like what the twins were trying to explain?"

"That was it, Granddaddy!" Ridgely has wisely chosen to ignore her brother.

"Yes, sweetheart," Grandmama answers, "that's another important sense that we're born with. Within our energy field, we have the ability to see, hear, touch, feel, smell — and transmit thoughts without physically talking. That sense is called '*Extra Sensory Perception*.' That's what Kaitlyn and Courtney were trying to describe to you. But, I think we'd better save that for another discussion."

"You mean there's more!" Griffin speaks up.

"Oh ... there's so so so much more my grandson," Granddaddy laughs. "But for now ... let's just concentrate on where we were coming from. Our special room — the Subconscious — and how our energy field sends our innermost thoughts and images out into the world."

"Yeah ... and how my 'big imagination' gets me in trouble." Griffin darts a look at his sister.  
"I can't help it if I have a large storehouse."

"That's what you want, Griffin. The more you learn, and the more you observe, the more tools your imagination has to work with. But you want the *right* kind of tools. Thoughts and images in your special room that don't tear you down."

Grandmama adds with a big smile, "That's why it's so important to play make-believe when we're young. We imagine — actually visualize — the most wonderful things for ourselves over and over. Those images are stored — or planted in your case, Ridgely — in our Subconscious."

"Thus, we have to be careful to store in there only that which we want to draw into our lives — or what we want for others." Granddaddy looks at Griffin.

"Got it!" Griffin gives a thumb-up to his grandfather. "So, if I want it to snow ... I see snow — and skiing down the most fun hill there is!"

Griffin starts to get carried away with his new-found "power."

"And I think about the dog I want ... or ... maybe the grades I want ... or maybe, maybe ..."

"I think you've got it," Granddaddy jumps in. "But you won't get the grades without the work. So see yourself working and being surprised at how much you're learning."

"Hmmm ... okay, so I still have to work at it, Granddaddy. Roger that."

"But basically, you're on the right track Griffin" Grandmama reaches over and tugs on Griffin's elbow to sit him back down.

"But there's no actual set time — no specific day or hour — in which your images will be delivered to you. When these images materialized in the physical world is really up to the Universe."

"God has a lot of coordinating to do," Ridgely tells her brother with a rather superior voice.

"How true!" Granddaddy said. "Wheels are turning, and things are happening to make it all possible. We might not see the results of it at the time we think we should."

"Oh boy ... are we going to talk about 'Faith' again?" Griffin inquires. "That's beginning to look like a bigger task than I thought."

"That's why they call it 'Faith.' But practice makes the task easier," Granddaddy winks at his grandson.

Grandmama lets Ridgely move into her lap, as she continues.

"Right now ... the most important thing to remember is that we *impress* huge amounts upon our Subconscious every day — with thoughts about ourselves, others, our friends, our family, our community. Absolutely everything! Therefore, we want to be selective about what we impress deep in the storehouse. That's why, when you say something over and over again — good or bad — you are creating a powerful image with many layers."

Granddaddy excitedly continues, "And then, since we are a mighty energy field — a much bigger and stronger energy field than we ever imagined — we send a picture of our images out into the world ... into the Universe."

"And that's the biggest energy field of all," Grandmama exclaims. "Those powerful images become physical ... and their energy is what we drawback to us."

"Like a magnet!" Granddaddy stands up. "The Universe sends back, in a physical form, exactly what we pictured or thought about over and over again!"

The curious faces of both grandchildren are looking from one grandparent to the other. They're fascinated, but not completely sold on this conversation.

Ridgely turns on Grandmama's lap and looks directly at her, "Better paint another picture, Grandmama. One with a story."

“Yeah ... tell us about how it boomerangs back on you!” Griffin now crosses his legs in his chair, anticipating a good story.

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*The Twins and the Magic Closet!*

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*age 5*



*age 13*

*A journey with grandparents where two girls on the edge of adulthood rediscover their magic within.*

## **Book 2: The Twins & the Magic Closet!**

### **CHAPTER 25 The Beach, the 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension, and Quantum Physics!**

Our noble group arrives at the beach in time to find a perfect spot. Setting their things down only a few feet from the high tide, they put up the large colorful beach umbrella, layout the oversized blanket, and head for the water.

The waves are large and crashing, but nothing stops our four beach warriors from diving in and under the waves. Eventually, they reach a spot just far enough out that they can catch high waves, but not be pummeled by each one.

Over the years, this is the beach experience this family has longed for every time they've headed out. Perfect waves and perfect day — no matter what part of the coast they're on — or what side of the country.

Many times, the twins' older sister, Cassandra has been with them when she's home. They've often swum with their cousins, Ridgely and Griffin — whose dad, Uncle Ryan, loves to lead the way out beyond the breakers for all who's daring. No one has ever stayed behind.

Uncle Ryan, and their mom, Shawn, were trained in the ocean from the time they were very small — and to this day, love sharing it with their parents and their children. It's in their blood, as the sea often is.

Together, this family has conquered waves from early morning rollers to late afternoon shore-pounders. The beach and the ocean are a second home to all of them. And, even when they're apart, as they are now, they are together, bound by their memories and vibrations.

Today, the four adventures are enjoying the rare private time they have together. After swimming for about an hour, they work their way out and drop in the wet sand. Time for Granddaddy's traditional sandcastle!!!

Oh, the hours and hours the twins have spent perfecting the perfect castle under Granddaddy's tutelage. Only for it to eventually be wiped away by the incoming tide. But against all the odds, this band of daring adventurers always try to stop the tide.

As Grandmama dries off, she watches her husband roll his granddaughters in the wet goo that was once a magnificent castle. "Ah, "forever green in my garden of memories," she thinks to herself — reciting a well-used phrase, her own grandfather perfected long before she was born. After watching the three of them run into the sea to wash off, she starts to take out the many snacks they packed. Several different munchies are laid out under the umbrella for the returning architects as they grab their towels to dry off.

Soon, everyone's flopped down around the snacks, and with a cold drink in hand, start to enjoy their typical beach "lunch."

"Okay, Granddaddy," Kaitlyn brushes the sand off her legs and folds them under her.

"What's all this about the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension and quantum physics?"

"Well, let's see, where did we leave off. I need to know the run-up to my brilliant thinking," he smiles as he pops a piece of cheese in his mouth.

Courtney immediately answers. "Kaite had just asked you why you said 'worlds' instead of 'world' when you talked symbolically about how to search the internet governing *all worlds*. Worlds; plural."

"Good grief Coco, you remembered that specifically?!" her grandmother smiles as she reached for a lovely piece of watermelon. "You have no reason to ever feel you're being outshined. Definitely an editor's brain."

"Ah yes," Granddaddy says as he sits up. "Okay, let's start with the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension. It's what we refer to as the other side."

“Oh, I think this is going to be right up my alley,” Kaite says gleefully.

“And, what we call the other side is *actually* the real world,” Granddaddy continues. “A parallel world where there are no limitations.”

As Granddaddy takes a sip of his drink, Grandmama takes a moment to add, “Actually, it’s through our vibrations, that we bring *that* world through to *this* one. That’s the power we were given.”

“I think I’m blown away.” Courtney looks dumbfounded. “Vibrations ... is that what you call prayer?” she asks.

“Well yes, prayer — and actually, all forms of communication with the other side,”

Grandmama answers as she reaches for a small piece of salami.

“See, it works like this,” she continues as she sits up, “It’s actually very scientific.”

“Oh, good. I like science.” Katie states.

“The higher the frequency of our vibrations,” Grandmama starts, “the more easily we communicate — both sending and receiving.”

Grandmama looks at each girl. They’re still with her, so she continues.

“Then ... the more we communicate with God, the more we strengthen our powers. It’s kind of like developing an electrical force field around us.”

“Wow,” Kaite exclaims. “We’re an electromagnetic force field! We studied that. And we’re vibrating at a certain rate.”

“I learned that too,” Coco adds. “Everything that has life in it is vibrating.”

“True,” Grandmama responds. “So, the more we use our powers — everything we’ve talked about all weekend — and the more we are communicating with Divine Mind, the more we vibrate. Therefore, the greater the force field around us. Correct?”

“Sure. That makes sense,” Kaite answers. Both girls are nodding.

“And, it's vibrating at a higher frequency,” Coco answers.

“Correct.”

Grandmama waits for a beat.

“So, we’ve just established scientifically that by being in tune with the spiritual plane — and by using our powers through prayer and visualization — our electrical field is intensifying.”

“Check. Roger that.” Both girls respond simultaneously.

“*Therefore*, the more we are in tune with the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension — the spiritual plane — the more we can ‘feel’ and ‘hear’ from that side. Thus, the more we are guided.”

The girls nod.

“You see, the guidance is always there. Once again ... our only job is to prepare ourselves to ‘tune-in.’”

“Like turning on the TV!” Coco offers.

“Okay ... good.” Grandmama nods appreciatively.

“But what if you’re not paying attention?” Kaite responds.

“Well, you're protected — as a parent protects a child. But remember, you have free will to draw any kind of situation into your life.”

“Huh?” Kaite questions her grandmother.

“Meaning, if you're not paying attention,” Grandmama continues carefully, "and you're continually visualizing negative images in your mind — those will manifest themselves in your future as well. Remember, it’s a law like electricity or fire — which doesn't have a sense of humor. Both electricity and fire can be life-saving or detrimental. It’s how the process, or the law, is used.”

“*Meaning*,” Granddaddy interjects, “if you live in a state of hate or anger and snap at people, you can’t then say, ‘but I was only kidding’ and make everything right. Eventually, those traits will be returned back to you from others.”

“How true,” Grandmama continues. “So ... the law can be used with positive or negative results. People that ‘tune out’ — and refuse to believe in anything — rarely draw those things and people into their lives that give them true success and ultimate happiness. They forever wonder why their ‘heart desires’ elude them. Sadly, they usually end up very unhappy people.”

“Uh, Oh. No happiness, no appreciation.” Courtney nods her head.

“Yep,” Kaite responds to her sister, “that’s a deal-breaker right there.”

“And, sometimes,” Granddaddy offers, “when I’m not paying attention as I should, my ‘guardians’ on the other side will poke me — and I definitely feel it.”

“You’re kidding, aren’t you Granddaddy?” Courtney turns and asks.

He says nothing, but smiles.

Kaite looks at her grandfather, and then back to her sister. “I don’t think he’s kidding.”

“Been practically knocked down at times,” Granddaddy offers. “Just saying ...”

Ignoring this, Kaite returns to something that’s on her mind.

“But remember Granddaddy, you said “worlds ... the plural with an s.”

“I did.” He pauses and looks at his wife. "I think they're ready."

“Me too.” Grandmama looks directly at her girls. “You guys are really smart — and with a keen imagination with which to visualize.”

The girls sit up a little straighter, proud of these compliments. (And naturally at 13, feeling the statements are well-deserved.)

“And,” she continues, “after all we’ve talked about, I know you’re ready for this. So here goes.”

The girls are listening — not wanting to let their grandparents down after such fine compliments.

“Think of your vibrating energy as part of a path that travels through the past, present, and future. All three paths exist together. Theology has known this for thousands of years, and now science is discovering this as well.”

“Ahhh! Quantum physics!” Kaite acknowledges.

“Correct. The past, present, and future are parallel *worlds* — plural with an s — all existing just on the other side of what is a veil to us,” Granddaddy adds.

“Whattttttt???” Courtney groans again. She immediately stretches out on the sand. “Oh, my head’s hurting again. I don’t think I’m ready to be a 13-year-old yet.”

“Come on, Courtney,” Kaitlyn admonishes. “You’ve drawn about such things. Worlds parallel to each other. I’ve seen it tons of times.”

“Oh ...” She now sits up with absolute realization as to what they’re talking about. “So, I have.” She pauses. “I wonder how I knew?”

“Hmmm ... I wonder,” Granddaddy comments. “Even when we become too ‘*Earthbound*,’ with age, our knowledge from the other side comes through.”

“‘Earthbound??’” Coco looks at her grandfather. “You’re trying to make my head hurt more, aren’t you, Granddaddy?”

“Here, let me help Courtney,” Grandmama offers.

She leans against Granddaddy’s legs. “Please do, Grandmama.”

“Well first — you don’t doubt your 6<sup>th</sup> sense with each other, do you, Coco?”

“No, of course not. I’ve been sending and receiving my thoughts to Kaite as long as I can remember.”

“And, when you were barely toddlers, you definitely had developed your own language!” her grandfather interjects. “Cutest babbling, I ever heard! You two had the communication down solid.”

Grandmama continues. “Well, your 6<sup>th</sup> sense — sending and receiving telepathically — transcends the limitation of our five physical senses here on this Earth plane.”

“Okay.” Coco digs her feet into the sand.

“So, the 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension — the Spiritual world; being a part of Divine Mind —transcends the other physical limitations that gravity provides here on Earth.”

Coco looks blank. Her sister looks at her.

“Come on, Courtney ... you know, we're living in ‘3D.’”

“Ohhhhh. The physical limitations of height, breadth, and depth,” Coco responds, quite pleased with herself. “So, you’re saying, Grandmama, that the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension is just as real.”

“I am.”

“And that in the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension, there aren't any limitations.” Coco continues. “Just like there are no limitations when Kaite and I send our thoughts to each other – no matter where we are.”

“Correct.”

"See Courtney," Kaite announces, "you DO have a brilliant 13-year-old brain . . . just like me." Puffing out her chest, Kaitlyn glows at the thought of her own brilliance.

Grandmama turns to her husband and whispers. “Oh, this is such fun; I love this age!”

Turning back to her granddaughters, she sits up very straight for extra emphasis. "Excellent girls! Now stay with me."

The girls are focused on their grandmother.

"So, time and space are also boundaries that have limits; therefore, they are only based here, on Earth. But ... time and space are only 'illusions' on the other side."

"How come?" Now it's Kaite who's curious.

"Love transcends time and space. Thoughts transcend time and space." Granddaddy quietly states, reaching for a cracker.

"Okay," Kaite says.

"I'll buy that," Courtney adds. The twins look at each other and nod in agreement.

"These are elements of the 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension," Grandmama continues. "Which is the other side, God's world. Therefore ... *all* is limitless on the other side. No boundaries or restrictions as we understand them here."

"Okay. I'm still with you. So far." Courtney says.

"Good girl. You too, Kaite?"

"I am now. It's really quite logical, Grandmama," Katie responds.

"And ... the other side is where we come from," Grandmama looks at her girls intently.

"Meaning ... where we were created."

"Got it," Courtney nods.

"And, since that's where we were created... we will always be inalienably tied to our creator."

Granddaddy interjects, "Think of it as inalienable rights in the spiritual world."

Courtney looks closely at her grandfather, "Ummmmm ... I know it's in the Declaration of Independence, but what exactly does 'inalienable' mean Granddaddy?"

"Inalienable rights are natural rights that are endowed by our creator to every human being," Granddaddy responds. "And, they can't be taken away, broken, or violated under any circumstance — which is why the founders put it in the document that's the very bedrock of this nation."

"Gosh, thanks, Granddaddy," Kaite adds. "I was going to ask the very same question."

"Yeah, thanks, Granddaddy," Courtney smiles at him.

"You're both quite welcome," he gives Coco a quick rub on the head and reaches out his other hand to do the same thing to Kaite. "Never be afraid to ask."

Courtney now turns to her grandmother, "I'm sorry, go on, Grandmama."

Grandmama happily gives her a thumbs-up and then continues. "Where each of us comes from, on the other side of the veil — everything is limitless. Health, success, happiness, and purposeful life are ours for the asking."

Grandmama sits back, picks up the cold drink she set securely in the sand and adds, "'Under grace and in a perfect way,' as they say."

"And just think," Granddaddy states, "all that good is yours. It's there for you to draw upon. As long as you do it with total appreciation." He smiles at his girls. "That's the power you've were given when you were born. Now, it's all up to you."

Kaite adds, "Soooo ... we can declare what we want and expect that it will be delivered — because Divine Spirit is awaiting us to ask." Before anyone can respond, she continues. "Ah. the magic closet."

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