



## Angelic Friends

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A book I recently read suggested we can act like angels for one another. Our countless angelic activities can range from helping a lost child find their parent or helping someone with car troubles to encouraging someone to try something new or to complimenting someone out of the blue. Everyday people can appear to be angels for those in need through their big or small actions.

6 years ago God gifted me with a friend who has been like an angel to me on multiple occasions by showing support in all aspects of life, asking genuine questions and listening intently, and amazingly ALWAYS having spare items for the kids just when they need it: snacks, clothes, water, Band-Aids (even the special kind for your finger tip!), you name it! Renee Hinkle has helped prevent so many kid melt-downs that I lovingly call her Renee Poppins... the Mary Poppins of Moms!

In addition to having a seemingly bottomless purse or backseat with exactly what's needed, she has a magical way of interacting with children including her own two sweet kids (girl then boy... see the Mary Poppins theme here?! ) She does an exceptional job of getting on their level and listening... TRULY listening to them and addressing their needs with genuine concern. The kind of listening you read about in Parenting



books, Renee does naturally and genuinely. Her engaging personality results in meaningful relationships and a parent/child bond that is beautiful to witness. Her kids are so kind, loving, generous and emulate her in many ways.

Renee also has an extremely creative mind and playful spirit that inspires her to come up with fun crafts and activities (homemade monster makers, donut themed photo booths, and clothespin Easter egg hunts to name just a few!). To top it off, she is hands down THE BEST storybook reader that I've ever heard: full range of voices, deliberate pauses, and animated faces! We ought to put her on camera reading. She'd be a YouTube sensation for sure!

Not surprisingly, her genuine and playful nature has a way of rubbing off on those who spend time with her. During some of our playdates, I start out a little ragged from trials of mom life... a bit more uptight, worried, tired, and grumpy than usual, but watching Renee puts me at ease. It has been such a gift to learn from Renee. She is giver, a lead by example mother and teacher, and has one of the biggest hearts that I know. In a season of life that has many unexpected challenges, Renee has truly been an angel friend. She has most definitely made me a better mom, and her love and support has been one of the main sources of fuel for Mama Wins.