

Our unique experiences

Recently we took a trip to Disney World. The experience is our family's lowest common denominator, as we have gone several times. Our older daughter has Downs Syndrome and Autism. If you ask her to go on a walk, she says "tummy hurts" meaning she has no interest in taking a walk, or any other type of exercise for that matter.

While at the amusement park this November, we determined that she walked at least 8 miles each day. Her favorite ride is the "small world" ride. One of the vacations at the park the weather was hot, so my wife, who hates the heat, took our older daughter on the small world ride 7 times in a row. What made 7 times in a row tolerable, which is 15 minutes long, was that the ride is much cooler and out of the sun. My daughter loves the small world song and the singing figurines, and my wife likes getting out of the heat.

The picture attached shows our respective faces and level of joy of being on the roller coaster. Our motivations for being there together all different from each other, except that we like each other, which is more important for me than no longer liking roller coasters, or the tedium of the small world ride.

It is not what you earn that matters, it's what you keep.