

My Superhero Ging

Do you have a favorite grandparent? I do! Her name is Ruth Penger, or as I call her, Ging. She's my favorite not because she gives me lots of things, but because she makes my life special.

She assures me that in hard times, everything is going to be okay. She has taught me amazing life lessons. One is that I should do nice things for people, but I should not feel the pressure to make everyone happy. As a general rule, she has taught me to respect myself and others.

I can tell her my problems that I don't feel comfortable telling anyone else, and she helps me solve them. She is different because she chooses to be my grandma and love my family. In other words, she is not in my bloodline, but we have an equally important bond like any grandparent.

To illustrate this, you see, when I was six years old, my brother, Aiden, had a serious surgery. Ging came to comfort me. We had to leave the hospital

and go to a hotel which was located right across the street. Knowing my mom was there with my brother calmed me. I was feeling so many emotions, which was understandable, but it wasn't easy. Ging helped me understand that everything was going to be okay.

Another example is when my brother and I were spending the day with Ging. She had previously made a dessert called Apple Turnovers but this time, she had chosen for us to be her assistant bakers. She knew it would take longer and she would have a bigger mess to clean up than when she did it by herself, yet she let us help her anyways.

When the Apple Turnovers were done, we served them with vanilla ice cream. They were delicious. I love my grandma because she chooses to carve out time for me, even though she has many other responsibilities.

Please select Ruth Penner, my Ging, as Grandparent of the Year. She's very

worthy of this award and deserves this honor because she always helps me out. At the same time, she teaches me to understand and not give into peer pressure. She has chosen to be my grandmother and to love my family. She is so awesome because she doesn't feel like she has to spend time with me and love me. She does it because she cares enough to choose to. She is the most important person in my life which is why I love her more than anyone else in the world. I hope you agree with me that she should be chosen as the contest winner for this year. Not only is she my grandmother she is my superhero.