

“I’ll Be a Pilot Too!”

“Someday I’m going to fly, I’ll be a pilot too, and when I do, how would you like to be my crew? On the good ship lollipop....” This song, which Shirley Temple sings in the movie *Bright Eyes*, expresses what I want to be when I grow up: a pilot. I would like to become a pilot because it is fascinating, I am qualified, and I can be of great service to others. It might be a daunting task at first, and I might become discouraged or frustrated. However, eventually I will become accustomed to it, and soon I will skillfully slice through the blue sky and thick clouds.

First, I have never been on a plane before, and I think it would be breathtaking to freely glide through the fluffy, white clouds and maneuver an airplane! It would be amazing to learn what the cockpit, levers, and different buttons mean, and how and when to use them. I have read many books about the Wright Brothers, and I really enjoy learning about these inspiring, historic brothers who spent most of their lives wanting and trying to be pilots and aircraft builders, and after many years of persevering, finally succeeded! On our family road trip this summer, we went to the North Carolina Museum of History, and to my delight, there was a replica of the plane that the Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk. It was very interesting to see how small and simple that plane looked compared to airplanes today.

Secondly, I would like to be a pilot because I have all the qualifications. I have twenty/twenty vision, I am good at math, and I have great communication skills. Moreover, I have much perseverance, discipline, and concentration, which are very important in preparing to become a pilot. In addition, I need to have more than one thousand, five hundred hours of flight training and six to eight weeks of experience. I am sure that I will be very elated when I receive my pilot’s license!

Third, since I am going to become a pilot, I will be of great service to others, transporting people and cargo over land and sea. Flying makes travel easy and quick, especially for people who live far away from relatives they want to visit. I will be helpful by importing and exporting merchandise to other countries or states. Compared to the old days before airplanes were invented, it is very convenient to purchase and deliver goods across the state, country or world instead of having to drive them by truck or train, or even sail them across the ocean by ship. And who knows? Maybe I will even work for FedEx delivering packages, boxes, and cargo from state to state. Perhaps I will even be able to fly the pope, presidents, or other important people to their destinations!

Of all of the jobs there are in the world, I think being a pilot is going to be the best one for me. It might be challenging and may require much patience, perseverance, and focus, but I am sure that I will be able to take on the task. At times, I will have my ups and downs. However, in whatever mood I am in, I will always offer my work and day to God. Before I take off into the air, I will say a short prayer to Blessed Mother and my Guardian Angel asking them to guide and protect me as I fly over land and sea, carrying goods or people. "Someday I am going to fly, I will be a pilot too...!"