

Confessions of a KATY PARENT

Read these funny confessions from Katy parents. We used initials to protect the embarrassed.

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Picnic Pal

"One summer I took the kids and their cousins to Brazos Bend State Park. After our picnic we came across an alligator in a pond near the walking path. I had a few leftover slices of bologna in the picnic basket so we began tearing them into strips and tossing them to the alligator, who gladly ate them up. It was only later in the car when my nephew read the brochures we had been given, that we realized it was dangerous to feed the alligators.

Oops." – P.H.



No More Dress-up

"My preteen daughters and I went to see Cinderella earlier this year at Cinemark. In the past, we would sometimes dress up in princess clothes to see Disney movies. I was disappointed when they told me they were too old for that now." – J.W.

Running Interference

"A. is just starting to army crawl and she is very close to getting up to a normal crawl. My mother-in-law came over one night and she was trying to get A. to crawl to her. She got very close and I may or may not have grabbed her leg to make sure she didn't crawl to her first. I didn't even realize what I had done until after it happened. I'm sure A. would want 'mom' to be the first one she crawls to anyway." – L.F.

Not a Fan

"As a preschooler, our son S. did not particularly like women other than his mom. I was talking with my mom on the phone one evening when S. walked into my home office. I called him over and instructed him to say, 'Hello, grandmother.' He parroted back, 'Hello, grandmother.' She replied with, 'Hello, I love you.' I told him to say, 'I love you, grandmother.' S. thought about this for a moment and then, loud and clear, he said, 'I don't. I don't love grandmother.' I could not get the phone off speaker fast enough." – A.G.

Tunnel Trouble

"When I was a new father, I took my 9-month-old daughter to McDonald's for lunch one day. I had no idea she was too young to get into the play place tunnels. Before I knew it, she had crawled all the way up the slide and was laughing at me from the top. I pleaded with her to come down but she just laughed before proceeding to crawl away into the maze of tunnels. In a panic, I enlisted the help of an older boy who was also playing there. He helped coax her down." – J.C.

We Forgot the Baby

"After a full day of shopping with our 15-month-old daughter R., my husband and I were hungry and exhausted. We picked up some fried chicken and biscuits on the way home. I put R. in her high chair and we proceeded to load up our plates, forgetting to get anything for R. to eat. R., used to being fed first at any meal, became incredulous and indignant that she had nothing on her tray. She put her hands on her hips and said in a firm, demanding voice, 'Feed the baby!' We were so shocked as this was her first three-word sentence." – T.W.

Sell Out

"My mother is a doting grandma. At a recent visit she asked my 4-year-old son, 'What's your mom's favorite thing to do?' Without skipping a beat, S. said, 'Drink wine.' Thanks for selling me out, buddy." – B.B.



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