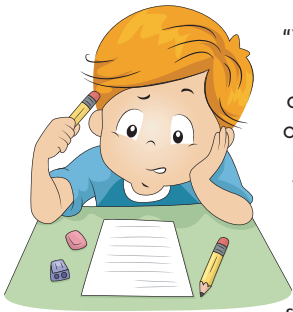


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# Confessions of a KATY PARENT

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

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## Too Honest

"When my son turned 18 he told me, 'Dad, for my birthday I'd like to smoke my first cigar with you.' He knew that I enjoyed the occasional cigar so I said sure. I thought he would have a coughing fit or get sick, but he got through that first cigar okay, though he clearly didn't enjoy it. Later, when filling out his college dorm application he checked off the box that said 'smoker.' I said, 'Son, you're not a smoker. If you check

that box they will give you a smoker for a roommate.' He replied, 'But I had that cigar, that makes me a smoker.' We had a laugh as I explained that one cigar does not make him a smoker." - R.L.

## Fingerprinted

"As the mother of four boys, not much gets past me. One day I noticed the black plastic frame around our television was warped at the corner and there was a fingerprint-shaped indentation there. Clearly, someone had melted the surface and, while it was soft, poked it with their index finger. I had my suspicion that my younger son K. had been playing with the fireplace lighter as he had been known to do in the past. I called all four boys to the living room and showed them the incriminating evidence. Everyone denied any knowledge of what had happened so, one by one, I had them insert their finger into the indentation. It was a perfect fit for K.'s index finger. I grounded him for a month."

- V.R.

## Must Wear Pants

"My 2-year-old son has discovered how to take his clothes off and does so frequently in public. It's funny how often I find myself saying, multiple times every day, 'If mommy has to wear pants, you have to wear pants.'" - W.P.

## Photo Op

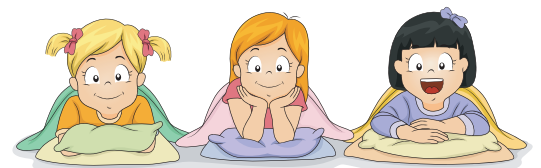
"We had recently taken our two cats to the vet, so their carrier, which was sized for a smaller dog, was left in our living room. My husband and I were in the kitchen when we heard screaming coming from the living room. We rushed in, only to find our 18-month-old daughter stuck inside the carrier! Instead of helping her get out, which we eventually did, we ran to get our camera and snapped a few pictures, laughing all the while." - S.T.

## Quiet Time

"Once at a family reunion weekend held at a lakeside camp, I was feeling sleepy during the middle of the day. I told everyone that it was time for 3-year-old L. to take her nap. I took her upstairs to our room. She was long past the napping stage but nobody else knew that. Luckily for me, she didn't protest and we had a quiet hour alone in our room before rejoining the family." - G.B.

## Mom-style Payback

"B. had a friend at the house one Friday for a sleepover and they stayed up all night. The noise made it a fitful night for my husband and I as well. For payback, the next day I tortured my daughter with a busy day, jam-packed with shopping and activities. She was so grumpy but I didn't care." - D.P.





### Motivational Lyrics

"When one of my children was having bedwetting issues, I would have her sit on the toilet before going to bed every night. Sometimes she would say, 'Nothing will come out.' So, I made up a little song to the tune of 'I Believe I Can Fly.' It went a little something like this, 'I believe I can pee. Spread your legs and pee away.' Well the song soon spread (no pun intended) to my other children and they would all sing it around the house at random times. Once, my grandmother visited and they sang the song to her. What started out as a motivational song for a struggling bed-wetter turned out to be not so pleasant in the presence of others." - M.S.

### Bedtime Itch

"By the time the kids' bedtime rolls around, I'm usually exhausted. I head upstairs to get them to brush their teeth and go to bed. As I stand around waiting on them, I start to itch. My son is the first to notice and says, 'Can you stop scratching your bottom?' I'll stop, but if they continue to slow around with their bedtime routine, I start again, and my son will catch me and say, 'You're doing it again.' I never knew that I had a sleepy itching problem." - W.J.

### Musical Macaroni

"I was trying to get my children to eat their macaroni and cheese. We were playing with the macaroni tubes blowing air through them like a trumpet, but I sucked air in instead of out and choked on it." - N.M.



### Present Patrol

"Sometimes we put some of my son's birthday presents away before he sees them so that he doesn't get too overwhelmed - or too spoiled. When I was cleaning out the closet recently, I found one of his presents from his fifth birthday. He's 7 now." - A.S.



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