

KATY MAGAZINE PRESENTS REAL-LIFE

CONFESSIONS OF A *Katy Parent*

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

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Power's Out

"Not wanting to fight with my son over video game time, I would turn off the breaker for the upstairs and lie about having a power problem, blaming bad weather or the neighbors accidentally cutting the line while gardening. Hey, it worked." - P.M.

Bathroom Break

"On a road trip to Arkansas, we stopped at a gas station for a quick fill up. I encouraged my three kids to take a bathroom break, and I did the same. I headed back to the car as my husband was rushing us to get going. We completely forgot our 9-year-old daughter was still in the bathroom. As we sped off, she came out of the bathroom only to see our tail lights pulling away from the station. After about a mile, we realized she was not in the third row of the vehicle where she usually sat. We spun back around and found her standing on the curb with a dazed look. I was so embarrassed and ashamed to have left my child standing on the curb." - M.G.

Biological Mix-up

"While pregnant with our third child, 8-year-old D* and 4-year-old J* kept asking how the baby got inside my tummy. I wanted to give my daughters the truth without all the details so I got out an old biology textbook and showed them pictures of a sperm and an egg and gave a brief explanation. I was so proud of how I was educating the girls. After our son was born, we took a vacation to St. Augustine, Florida and visited a fort. While crossing over a drawbridge along with many other visitors, J* looked down at the water and yelled out, 'Hey, D* - look at the sperm!' Her sister yelled back, 'Those are just tadpoles' to which J* answered, 'Oh yeah, I always get those mixed up.' My husband and I kept walking, hoping nobody would know who those girls belonged to." - K.B.

Frosted Competition

"As I poured a bowl of frosted bite-size cereal one morning my son announced, 'I pick out the squares with the most frosting and put the others back in the box.' Not to be outdone, I came back with, 'I lick the squares with the most frosting and put them back in the box.'" - L.S.

Miss Independent

"I was watching *Barney* with my girls, ages 1 and 2½ at the time. Midway through the show, my newly walking 1-year-old went across the room and started rooting through the diaper bag. She got one of her big sister's pull-ups, ripped off her own wet diaper, and put on the pull-up pants all by herself. After that, I never changed another wet diaper." - S.L.

If the Shoe Fits

"I didn't realize my 6-year-old daughter's feet had grown until we went shoe shopping and her feet were two sizes bigger. I was thoroughly embarrassed when she pranced around the store proclaiming them to be the best shoes ever because she didn't have to squish her toes at all." - M.E.

Do you have an entertaining or embarrassing parenting story to share? Email us at editor@katymagazine.com. Don't worry, we won't reveal your real name.



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