



# Top Tips for Taking Great Photos

OF YOUR KIDS OUTSIDE

## *Pay attention to the light*

- Take your pictures early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Avoid harsh sunlight. Cloudy days are great for photos!
- Position the sun behind your children and pay attention to where the shadows are. If the sun is in your kid's eyes, they will squint.

## *Keep it natural-- try not to be a 'poser'*

- Try to capture your kid's natural moments, posed photos can be boring.
- Instead of asking them to smile, engage them in conversation and get them to laugh.
- Ask them to dance or jump or twirl.
- Make sure your kid's are actually in a good mood.

## *Survey the Scene!*

- Use the 'rule of thirds' and have your child fill 2/3 of the frame.
- Pay attention to the background/backdrop. Make sure there isn't unwanted clutter in the shot. Or, ensure a key element is visible.
- Find things with color that will help your photos pop!



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## Position yourself for success

- Place your child away from any background.
- Get on your kid's level. Don't shoot from above them
- Get close to them. Get really really close.
- If you can't get close, zoom in.

## Editing and Multiple Shots

- Turn your camera's auto-focus off. Same for automatic flash.
- Take tons of photos. Take more photos than you think you will need. You never know which one will be the perfect shot.
- Play around with editing software on your phone or tablet. Make the picture warmer or cooler. Sharpen it. Adjust the brightness and saturation level to make your photos shine!

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