

20 Memories From My 20th Month Since Going Dad

Description

Craziness abound! This girl has seriously taken off this month and left us with plenty of memories. Some good , some bad, some extremely frustrating, and some, well, a little gross.

Iâ€™ll spare you the small talk since there are 20 memories to go over, so letâ€™s get right to it.

1. Our couch is your new playground and you get very upset when youâ€™re not able to lift yourself up on the cushions. But youâ€™re determination proves that you can get up there and bounce all over as you please. If only we can get you to stop chewing the cushions with your green smoothie mouth.



2. You had a busy morning and afternoon with Mommy and me one day and ended up [falling asleep during lunchtime](#). It was right before nap time, but you just couldnâ€™t wait for that sleep!



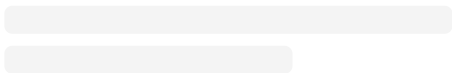
3. When Mommy or Daddy drops a piece of food or ice cube or, anything really, you act as our personal narrator by saying “Uh-oh”. It’s cute, but honestly, some days it drives me crazy when I’m in a rush. Don’t worry, still love you lots!
4. “Uh-oh” isn’t the only thing you’re saying, you are getting to complete sentences too! It’s not exactly clear, but you love hiding things you have and saying “Where did it go?”. Even when you don’t have anything, you use the sentence after we flush your poop down the toilet.
5. On the topic of toilets and talking, “Bye-bye” is yet another thing you’ve started saying! a lot. When you don’t ask “Where did it go?” when your poop gets flushed, you wave and say “Bye-bye”. It’s cute, of course, but sometimes you get a little too close to the toilet.
6. Bananas have been a favorite of yours for a while, [especially with NuttZo](#), but this month you took eating the fruit into your own hands; literally.

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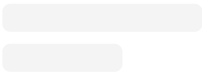
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7. Like most toddlers and probably kids in general, your willingness to eat changes with each new bite we offer or food we put in front of you. But Mommy and me have found that reading a book out loud opens the gates (i.e. your mouth) each and every time. As a result, weâ€™ve honed our tongue twister skills with Dr. Suessâ€™ â€œFox in Socksâ€•.
8. You had popcorn for the first time and instantly loved it. After munching down on the air-popped goodness, you were hooked on the crunch and demanded more. Now if only you can understand it doesnâ€™t all have to go in your mouth at onceâ€¦.





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9. Another “first” for the month was putting your hair in a ponytail. I have yet to try, but Mommy made use of your wacky hair the best she could. I still think you look like a samurai, which isn’t such a bad thing.



10. What is a bad thing is your new attitude that appears on a daily basis where we are [locked in a standoff](#). We spend a cumulative amount of at least an hour a day with me asking you pick something up and you either just staring at me with a blank face or running away crying. Mommy and me are both stubborn, which means a lot of standing and waiting. Itâ€™s exhausting, but you usually come around and clap for yourself. Then we give you a hug afterward.



11. One day, while working out, Mommy asked you to do high knees with her and you immediately got right to it! Since then, youâ€™ll stop whatever craziness you are up to just for high knees if we ask you to.



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12. Before you and Mommy even begin, you have caught on to when sheâ€™s getting ready for a workout. Sheâ€™ll come home from work, change into workout clothes, and as sheâ€™s putting on socks, you instinctively know to go get her workout shoes for her. No asking required!

13. Reading books is quickly becoming one of your favorite things to do. With or without Mommy and Daddy, youâ€™ll go through several books while simultaneously testing the limits of gravity on the couch. Thatâ€™s what I call action reading for sure!



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14. This Fourth of July was technically your 2nd, but we donâ€™t count the [first](#) since you werenâ€™t too aware of your surroundings yet. Eager to let you witness your official first fireworks, we drove up the road from our neighborhood to let you watch the cityâ€™s firework show. They were kind of far, but still very visible. Regardless, you didnâ€™t seem too impressedâ€¦



15. I think to get us back for keeping you up late and then waking you up early for our [4th of July 5k](#), you decided to make spending the night at G-Ma's a living hell. Three hours of non-stop screaming and rolling around definitely *got us back*! Next year, you can call the shots!

16. Despite the torturous night, you woke up at G-Ma's all chipper and chatty. It took several cups of coffee before we became functional as human-beings, but seeing you have fun with G-Ma made it all worthwhile.



17. The same can't be said for [Uncle Preston](#) though, he still has some kid holding practice to do. Maybe then you'll both bond a little better.



18. I think what would help is if you both farted together. Lately, you will crack up when you hear a fart or if you fart. Sometimes I don't even hear a toot, but will hear you randomly laugh followed by the

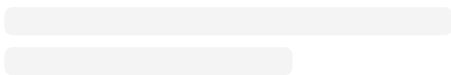
resulting smell, and then it all makes sense.

19. To go along with your samurai ponytail, you are working on becoming a true ninja with karate kicks. Right now you need something to hold on to for leverage, but itâ€™s only a matter of time before youâ€™re kicking things off the bookshelf. Wait till I show you the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles now that you understand what youâ€™re seeing!



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20. Another short sentence you say multiple times a day is “All done.” You donâ€™t quite understand its meaning since you say it while eating and then proceed to eat more, but in time, youâ€™ll get it. For example, this was my last memory for the month, so now Iâ€™m *all done*!

With all of her stool, chair, cabinet, and couch climbing, I'm sure next month's memories will have a few bumps and bruises to mention. I'm also sure there'll be plenty more full sentences and lots of karate kicking action to share too. Oh, and we just encountered the first "No". Kelley and I tried to play it off like nothing was said, but...it's coming!

Do you have any memories of your kids to share at this time? No matter the age, I'd love to see what you're experiencing right now. Hopefully all good or at least laughable sometime in the future.

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