

Ninja Turtle Puzzles at G-ma's

Description

If weather here could talk, it would've said "Screw you, suckers!" this weekend. Saturday's high was in the low 80's and beautiful for our drive down to G-ma's. Then, the very next day and we're in the single digits! Thank you, Texas weather, for teasing us with 2 wonderful days of gorgeous weather and then WHAM!, we're slipping on ice as we step outside.

Weather aside, we had a pretty good visit at G-ma's. Avery wasn't quite the outstanding baby I asked for in our [conversation the day before](#), but she did flash us some smiles and let G-ma hold and feed her.

The only time Avery visited G-ma's house was at 5 weeks old. Now that she's 15 weeks old and aware of her surroundings, we think she was a little overwhelmed and got upset as night came around. One minute Avery was enjoying her time with Kelley and my mom (G-ma), and the next minute she bursts into crying.



Avery showing her Liley lip curl with G-ma

Of course, we never *really* know what makes a baby burst into the cutest yet nerve racking ball of tears, but we do our best to act like we do. We'll say "Oh, it's just colic," or "She probably has a dirty diaper." Or maybe it's because we missed a spot while dusting the mantle! Hell, babies just cry sometimes because that's what they do. Yes, it sucks, and yes, I also try and make my own diagnosis for screaming baby syndrome.



Kelley and Avery chillin at G-maâ€™s

Although, Averyâ€™s outburst was something abnormal for her at that time, so it just seems fitting to say it was from being a different environment. She carried on for a good hour as we passed her around like a hot potato trying different “techniques” (i.e. the same damn thing we all do with a crying baby, make weird sounds in her face and offer a boob or bottle while sniffing her diaper), until Kelley was finally able to soothe her to sleep. Oh yes, miracle boob strikes again!

Since Avery was sleeping in the room next to the living room, we kept the T.V. off for a while to make sure she was in a deep sleep.

Crap! What do we do with no T.V., you ask? What any normal group of adults would doâ€¦. We had drinks and put together 3 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (TMNT) puzzles, of course!



Drinking and cartoon puzzles is where itâ€™s at!

Growing up, I was a huge TMNT fan like most boys around that time. I remember my mom bringing me to Toys Râ€™ Us if I had a good report card to let me pick out a TMNT toy. Lately, since we had Avery, Iâ€™ve been turning back into a kid again and have been hoping my TMNT toys were stowed away somewhere at my momâ€™s. I was determined to find something from my past when we visited.

Not long after we arrived, I was on the hunt for my childhood toys. After rummaging through the house and attic, I only came up with 3 Ninja Turtle Puzzles covered in dust. It was apparent that the original owner (me) didnâ€™t do a good job at putting the right pieces back in the box, so we made a night of putting the puzzles together.



Nearing completion

As I've mentioned in a [past post](#), puzzles mean a lot to Kelley and me, and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening with her and my mom as we worked on these together.

We eventually retired into the living room and Avery slept better than expected through most of the night. We woke up in a seemingly different state with freezing rain and blistering winds so coffee was a given before we were going to do anything else. After a cup of coffee (three for me), we visited a little longer while Avery had a Cliff's Notes version of her usual morning nap, and then we trekked our way back home in the cold.

Overall, we had a pleasant visit with my mom and hopefully next time Avery will be familiar with her surroundings and not transform into a wicked terror cute little crying baby. But if she does, I'm sure it will just be because she's colicky.. ồ,.



Keeping cozy with G-ma before heading out into the cold

Has your baby ever cried out after bringing them to new surroundings?

Do you ever try and diagnose a crying baby when you really I have no clue? Almost every day here!

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