

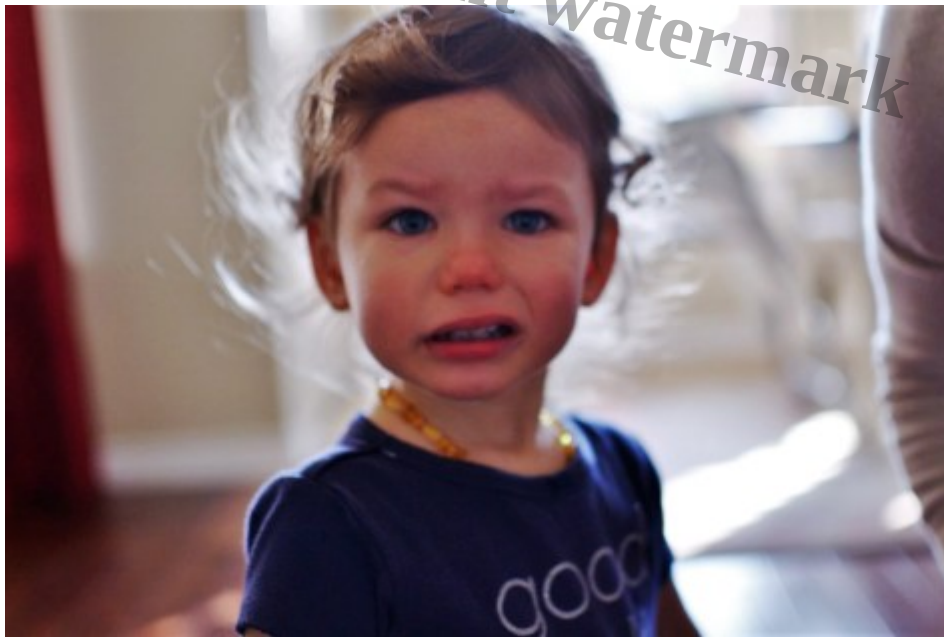
Mom vs Dad: The Favorites Phase

Description

Is anyone else annoyed with how things that toddlers do are quickly labeled as a phase? Saying “Oh, little Susie took off her diaper and is peeing on the floor? Yeah, that’s a phase, it’ll end soon.” or “Tommy keeps hitting his dad in the privates. It’s just a phase, hopefully he’ll stop.”

Whatever the action, calling it a “phase” just seems like the easy way out. Hey, maybe it is a phase, but cmon, maybe our kids are acting out for some other reason, maybe we’re not doing something right.

That’s how I feel when Avery acts appalled when I simply acknowledge her presence and ask her a question or just say “Hi”.



WTF?! What do you want, Dad, I’m busy clinging to Mom!

This usually occurs in the morning when Mom is home and all Avery cares about is being stuck to her side. I swear, she’s like lint on a fleece blanket right out of the dryer. I may or may not have just finished removing lint from said fleece blanket!..

Kelley reassures me it’s just a phase, as we’ve used to explain many things Avery [has done](#) and is doing, but it still hurts regardless. When you crouch down with arms open wide and ask for a hug from your kid and all they do is run the other way crying (seriously), it’s hard not to feel like scum.

It comes and goes in waves, but each time is no less severe than the last, I take it like a hard punch to the gut, only in my heart. I know, I know, not trying to be all “woe is me”, but I don’t get it. I’m on Cloud 9 when we’re playing like the best of buds and she’s giving high-fives like a

pro.



Followed by a fun flipping session and youâ€™d think weâ€™re always inseparable.



But then there are times when I canâ€™t even walk up to her without her building up to let out a scream of objection from me getting too close.



Thankfully, itâ€™s not an all day phase. Usually in the mornings and early evenings, when Mommyâ€™s home, is when sheâ€™s in her *Daddy Dislike* mode. The rest of the time things are cool, with or without my dear wife there. Really, who can blame her? I love being around my wife too, maybe she just has a gift I lack. Besides the obvious boobs, people!

It could be that she lets Avery play with her phone, and, if you look to the top left, youâ€™ll see she comes âœ•bearingâœ• gifts.



Now Iâ€™m just trying to rationalize. Phase or no phase, I just want our sweet girl to remain sweet to the both of us and not be repulsed at one of us at a given time. Usually thatâ€™s me, very rarely is it Mommy.

Anyone else deal with or dealt with this from their kids? If so, do you have any advice or just want to tell me to shut it and deal with it because it really is just a phase and everything will be fine? Was that a semi-loaded question? Okay, Iâ€™m doneâ€¦for now.

Have a great Friday and weekend! Weâ€™re just hoping to stay away from [staph and hospitals!](#)

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