

10 Memories from My 10th Month Since Going Dad

Description

Okay, sh*t just got real, weâ€™re in the double digits for months and never looking back!

What? Oh yeah, at least we have a while before we say the same for yearsâ€™.phew!

Avery is still not walking on her own, but sheâ€™s damn close. I am therefore updating [my â€œbetâ€](#) to her walking before the 11th month rolls around.

The past month has revealed a very active baby, and I can only imagine her activity levels will keep increasing from here. Fine with me; bring on the baby chasing, fort building, coffee craving days looming in the not-so-distant future, Iâ€™m ready! I thinkâ€™.



One leggin it and ready to escape!

What are the odds that, as Iâ€™m pulling Avery out of the litter box after having mastered walking, and, in retrospect, think back to this post wondering why Iâ€™d ever wish for such a stressful thing? A super curious baby who canâ€™t quite yet talk or understand most of her parentsâ€™ commands, is able to walk/run around the house taking no prisoners in her path. Or, thatâ€™s what I imagine sometimes.

Only time will tell for sure, so no reason to sit and contemplate on the â€œwhat ifsâ€. For now, Iâ€™ll focus on what is known with the memories we created; or, 10 of them at least.

Avery, I hope you are reading this with mommy and me one day and we are all smiling and laughing at these memories at the ten month mark.

1. Leaving you with G-Ma for the weekend as Mommy and I celebrated our [7 year wedding anniversary](#) in downtown Fort Worth.
2. G-ma discovering your first unofficial first word (words?) of “Uh-oh”. When we came back from our weekend away, you were spouting out “Uh oh” several times a day and it is the first word you repeat when we say it out loud.
3. Taking you [down the slide at the neighborhood playground for the first time](#). Nothing crazy, but it was fun to introduce you to something that will surely become a favorite when you start walking.



4. You saw [fish in an aquarium](#) for the first time. I couldn't get over at your intrigued stare as you gazed at the brightly colored fish in awe. Such a wonderful thing to be able to show you so many things the world has to offer!

5. Apparently, you DO NOT enjoy 2+ hours of riding in the car. The [first road trip](#) we took with you to see our friends in Norman, Ok proved to be a dread for all of us. You had a few cute moments, but mostly crying/screaming and little sleep. We're not sure when the next long drive with you will be, but I'm thinking it will be when you are a bit older.

6. Walking around our old college campus, University of Oklahoma, with you while visiting Sean, Erin, and Brooklyn. The time spent out of the car after our road trip was enjoyable, and you got to play with a big girl; Sean and Erin's 2 year old girl, Brooklyn.



7. Easily using your borrowed walker to go back and forth across the house. The walker our neighborhood friends let you borrow has turned out to be the most used thing in the house. Mommy and I first had to walk along with you and hold it steady, but now you'll go back and forth all on your own as you look up at us with a proud grin. Each time, we are quick to respond with a proud grin of our own!



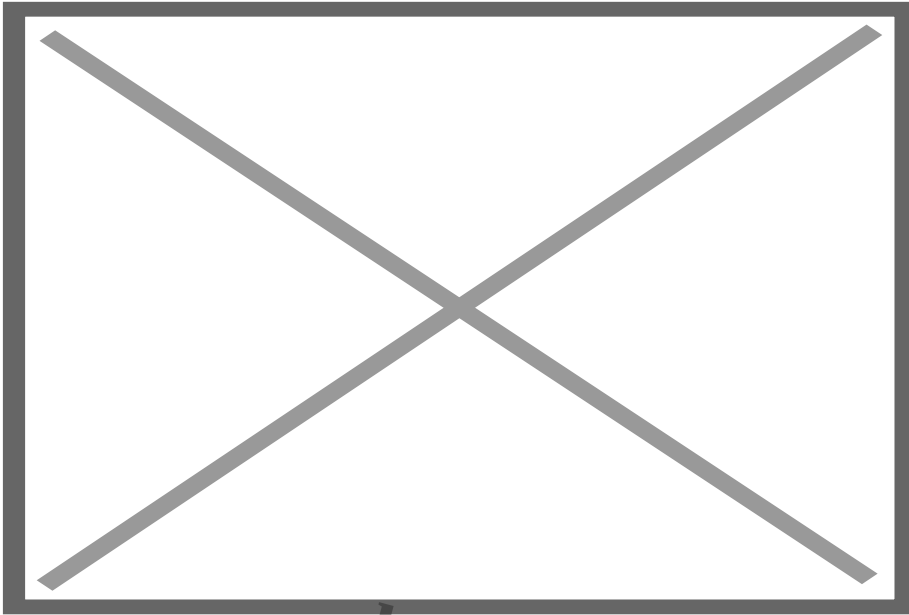
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8. Screaming at the highest pitch you possibly can as if it were a contest. Seriously! Itâ€™s completely random and this is separate from your crying fits, you just let out loud screams when and where ever you want. This includes as Iâ€™m wearing you while shopping in a quite store; I guess itâ€™s too quite for your liking.

9. Taking you to our first dads group outing. Another stay-at-home dad, David Kepley and I have been working with the [City Dads Group to start our own Dallas Dads Group](#) and weâ€™re excited for what the future holds. Our first outing was a miniature train ride next to the Fort Worth Zoo. You werenâ€™t sure what to make of the new surroundings at first, but I could see the amazement in your eyes and canâ€™t wait to bring you to many more outings.



10. Kicking the crap out of your crib. The fact that itâ€™s still in one piece speaks wonders about the quality workmanship of your crib, because your kicks are heard throughout the entire house! Youâ€™ll kick before falling asleep and soon after waking. Your mom and I will lay in bed sometimes and just listen as you kick and talk to yourself for up to 30 minutes. You arenâ€™t mad or crying, just kicking, rolling, and â€œtalkingâ€•.

Going Mom and I love watching our beautiful girl learn and grow, and we canâ€™t get over how fast the time has gone. Itâ€™s bittersweet, really, and I must remind myself everyday not to rush things and just enjoy the moment. Sounds simple, but itâ€™s hard.

Who knows what memories will unfold leading up to the 11th month, but one thingâ€™s for sure, they will happen too fast.

Do you participate in any mom/dad/parent groups with your kids?

Random screaming. How do you deal with it?

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