

22 Memories From My 22nd Month Since Going Dad

Description

Only two more monthly memories posts after this one until I take a different approach. Much like the memories, I'll never stop sharing, but we only have a finite amount of time each day, and an increasing number of memories will take more than I'm willing to use. Plus, it's better spent making new memories with my family.

Our little flower is blossoming more and more, and just like I've probably said in the past several all of these posts, growing so fast and doing so much! Well, like I said, there's only a finite amount of time, so I'll get to it.

1. Right after we got back from our [Colorado family vacation](#), Mommy had to [go on a business trip](#) and was gone for almost a week. This was the longest time we spent apart, and we missed her dearly.
2. In order to get our Mommy/Wifey fix, we utilized Skype each night. It was always late, but I'd sit on the kitchen floor with you as video-chatted together. Of course, you'd hardly sit still, but you did give kisses to Mommy through the phone.
3. Before school was back in session, we made use of the playground at the elementary school nearby. You climbed up the equipment and went down the slide non-stop for the first time and obviously had a blast.



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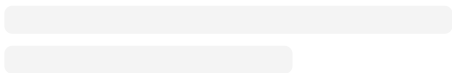
4. Then, as school started and everyone was posting pics of their kids’s first day, we rubbed it in that it was just another fun day together at our house.

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5. While Mommy was still away, I brought you over to our friend’s house to [try out their trampoline](#). As active as you’ve become, I thought you’d easily get right to jumping, but it turned out that you must be afraid of being above ground.



Yeah, Iâ€™m fine right here, thank you.

6. At least you had fun playing catch with their dog. I think he enjoyed it too!



7. I captured my favorite picture of you to date and had it printed and framed using [Pictli](#). Now we have it right above the sink to enjoy each day.



8. Mowing with you had always been tedious as I didnâ€™t feel safe having you outside as I cut the grass, but with Mommy gone, I decided to give it a try. Turned out to be no problem!



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9. Keeping with the “firsts” trend, we walked around our .4 mile loop together in our Soft Star Shoes. That was the most you walked at once and you did great!



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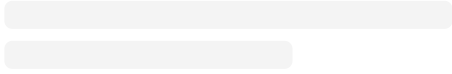


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10. You wouldnâ€™t keep anything in your crib for the longest time, but this month you finally gave in and accepted the company of your [My Happy Pillow](#) bear. Yay progress!



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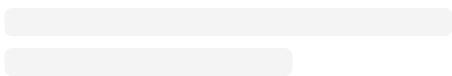


11. Something that has yet to change, is your crazy demon stare into the monitor as you resist sleep.



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12. Since you did so well on the school playground equipment, I thought I'd bring you to another playground to climb up and slide on. Instead, your fear of heights came out and you wouldn't even allow me to go through the obstacles with you. Regression!

13. One of our neighbors was giving away their playhouse and swing set with a slide, and thanks to Mommy for seeing the post, we got it! Only problem was, our slightly sloped backyard made it hard to find a good spot to put it. Until then, we just used the slide by itself where I would lift it with you at the top and Mommy caught you at the bottom.



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14. It used to be that we had to read a book out loud during dinner while simultaneously feeding you, but now you enjoy reading the books yourself. And you eat much better too!



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15. After going back and forth, we finally settled on a good spot for your playhouse. Now that itâ€™s together, Mommy and I wind up pushing you on the swing and helping you down the slide every day. Sometimes you even try to swing by yourself!



16. We knew it was coming, and this was the month it happened, you started saying “No” to us. Let this mark the beginning of the backtalk. I hear it ends right around after college!

17. With all of the outside playing, we think you were bit around the diaper lining area which seemed like nothing major at first, but turned into a staph infection. We spent our [Labor Day at the ER](#) having it drained and cleaned. Thankfully you’re all better now, but that means all 3 of us have had a bout of MRSA this year. I think Mommy’s love helped your recovery a lot!



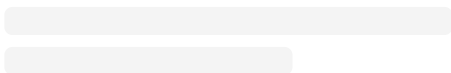
18. Randomly, I took your diaper off at an attempt to start potty training you with [a method I read about](#). Several pee puddles later, that was the last attempt for now. Weâ€™ll try again once youâ€™re 2 years old. ðŸ™,

19. Feeling confident that you were ready to attempt the trampoline again, I brought you to the Urban Air Trampoline Park. You started off timid, but with the help of the bigger kids, you finally warmed up!



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20. Every time we try to comfort you after a little fall, because youâ€™re upset, or something big like staph, we always say â€œitâ€™s okay.â€• by habit. Well, you picked up on it and now you say it all the time. When youâ€™re really frustrated or scared, youâ€™ll say *itsokay* really fast with a strained voice. Itâ€™s funny, sad, and, well, funny again.

21. Mommy taught you how to be even more adorable (how is that possible?) by putting your hands to your cheeks. Cuteness galore!



22. And finally, one of the best animal noises youâ€™ve done up to this point is the bear/lion sound. You make the best (and cutest) roar ever!



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Time can be a real jerk for never slowing down, so itâ€™s up to us parents to make the most of our time together. Getting hugs from Avery is the best feeling in the world, unless, that is, itâ€™s getting hugs from Avery and my wife. We have a family hug almost every day that I wouldnâ€™t trade for anything else.

Now Iâ€™m off to make more memories, see you back here in another month!

What is your kid currently doing or recently done that you absolutely love/hate? Please share, Iâ€™d love to hear!

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