

21 Memories From My 21st Month Since "Going Dad"

Description

Yes, I know, this monthly memories post is 10 days past her 21st month since womb departure, but we've been a busy family! Mainly, our [first family vacation to Colorado](#) along with the obvious blog posts I had to write to share it with anyone that happens by my little space of the internet. I got that ideology/saying from a good blogger friend over at [Skipah's Realm](#). Thanks, Gary!

And things haven't slowed down since we've returned. Avery is learning and doing more each day, which means we're learning and doing more as well. Plus, Going Mom is away for work all week! This is the first time she's been away from us for so long, and it's truly a test for all of us.

Sure, I'm a stay-at-home parent, but I depend on my wife's reinforcements and loving company. I told her I missed her before she even left, and it's the truth. Hopefully she's able to make the best of her time in a peaceful (I hope) hotel room without a demanding toddler demanding every second of her attention. But, the silver lining is this should definitely help us appreciate each other more.

I almost decided to just skip this month since I planned on stopping after the 2 year (24 month) mark, but my Type-A OCD personality wouldn't allow it. So, here I am, satisfying my brain and knocking out 21 memories. Not that it's hard to find them, but in order to get through them, I'm making each new thing she says a memory on its own. Not that you care probably, but I prefer to explain myself for...errr, myself, and Avery when she's older and reading this ancient post on her Samsung Galaxy S20.

Avery, this past month you have experienced and transformed so much. You continue to amaze Mommy and me each day, and these 21 memories hardly begin to capture it all, but it's a start.

1. You've started saying "oat's okay" which you learned from Mommy and Daddy as we say it after you fall or drop something on accident.

2. Obviously, the big memory this month is that you [flew on an airplane for the first time!](#)



3. And you also flew for the second time on our [way back from vacation](#). You were far from well behaved, but now we know not to schedule a flight for your bedtime if we can avoid it.

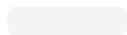
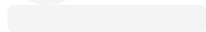


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4. Another phrase youâ€™ve picked up on is â€œœltâ€™s goodâ€•. You say it after I give you our daily green smoothie, unless I really sucked at making it that day, and when eating various food.
5. For a while, we resorted to reading books to you during dinner or simply reciting the text from memory. It distracted you enough to get a few bites.
6. Now we just give you a book to read, and besides having to switch books every so often, this works fairly well.
7. Any parent to a toddler knows you always need a backup plan for eating though, and we keep roasted seaweed on hand when books just wonâ€™t cut it. Iâ€™m just glad you think of seaweed as a treat!
8. Birds had built a nest in the entryway to our front door and had several baby birds. Every night, you and Mommy would turn on the light to tell the birds goodnight, before bath time. Sadly, one baby after another fell out of the nest which required us to move it to a safer place.



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- 9. Your climbing skills have gotten better, but sometimes you get a little too confident, resulting in us having to say “it’s okay”...a lot. Most of the time the little fall is nothing, but there are times that set you off in a downward spiral to fussville. Yes, it’s a place, and it sucks!
- 10. What started with you instinctively knowing to get Mommy’s workout shoes, carried over to getting my Soft Star Shoes I use to workout in too. Such a smart kid!



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11. Your affinity for my weightlifting belt started a long time ago, but now youâ€™ve figured out how to loop it around yourself. Often times, youâ€™ll walk around with the belt holding it around you for the entire workout session. Those days, I just make do without the belt since the one time I tried. you let me know that was a BAD choice!

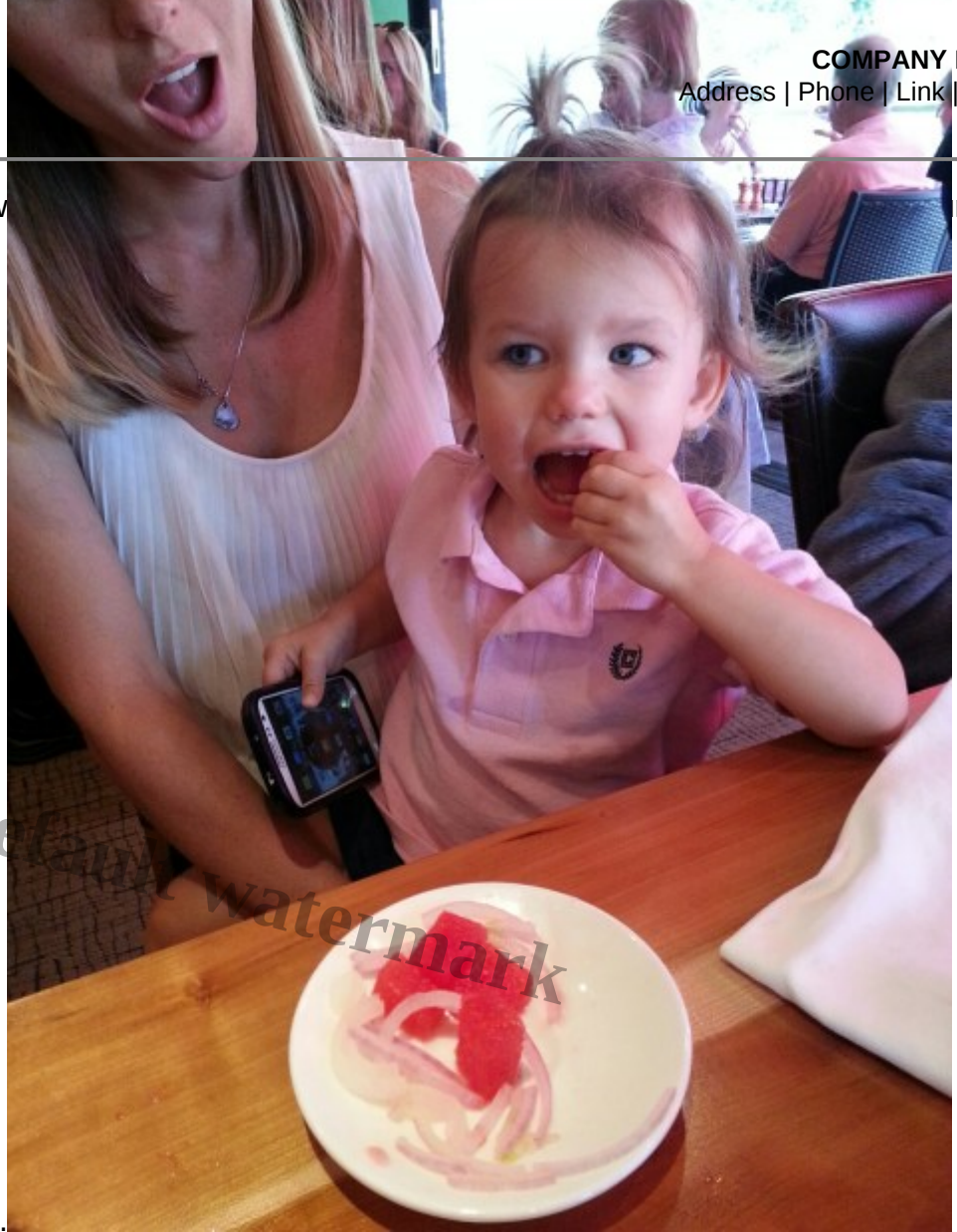


12. Uncle Paul, Aunt Tammy, and your Great Grandma (G-Maâ€™™s Mom) came down to visit to celebrate G-Maâ€™™s 60th birthday and we had a blast with them on [several occasions](#). I mean, how many toddlers get to go to a brewery? Okay, maybe a lot, but stillâ€™!



13. You™ve added a few

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just love crunchy things.

14. Trips to the pool happen fairly often, and I had fun turning your flipping skills into a slo-mo video. Your giggles are still adorable a 2x slower than normal.

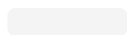
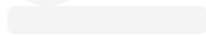


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15. I used to take you for a walk in the stroller right after naptime, but that would mean you had to sit still which is not an option anymore. As evidenced by your inclination to run wild around the house, and of course do butt busters.



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16. As I mentioned, your climbing skills are getting better every day which means you can climb up most things at the [bounce house](#) by yourself now. You mightâ€™ve been motivated to climb on your own since I seemed to do a poor job at helping youâ€™.



17. We all know
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your mouth.

18. While in Colorado on vacation, you got to hang out a lot with Nana, Papa, and Cousin Ashlee as they agreed to play with you so Mommy and I could get away enjoy time together. Lots of reading and [playground time for all!](#)

19. When reading or playground time wasnâ€™t happening, youâ€™d make full use of the stairs at Nana and Papaâ€™s. So much up and down was enough work for anyone trying to keep watch over you, Iâ€™m sure this helped you sleep at night, as well as Ashlee.



20. This was the month of [diaper blowouts](#) for us! You graced us with back to back to back poosplosions that had us begging for mercy. Or maybe just hoping theyâ€™d stop. *Crossing fingers* So far, weâ€™ve been safe again.

21. But, as youâ€™ve shown us before, you are always full of evil surprises. Kinda like when you flipped the bird in this daddy-daughter selfie on Mommyâ€™s phone.



There you have it, 21 memories in the book blog and more being created daily. Iâ€™m off to spend another day of fun with my daughter, but donâ€™t worry, 22 months is already fast approaching. Ughâ€¦!

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