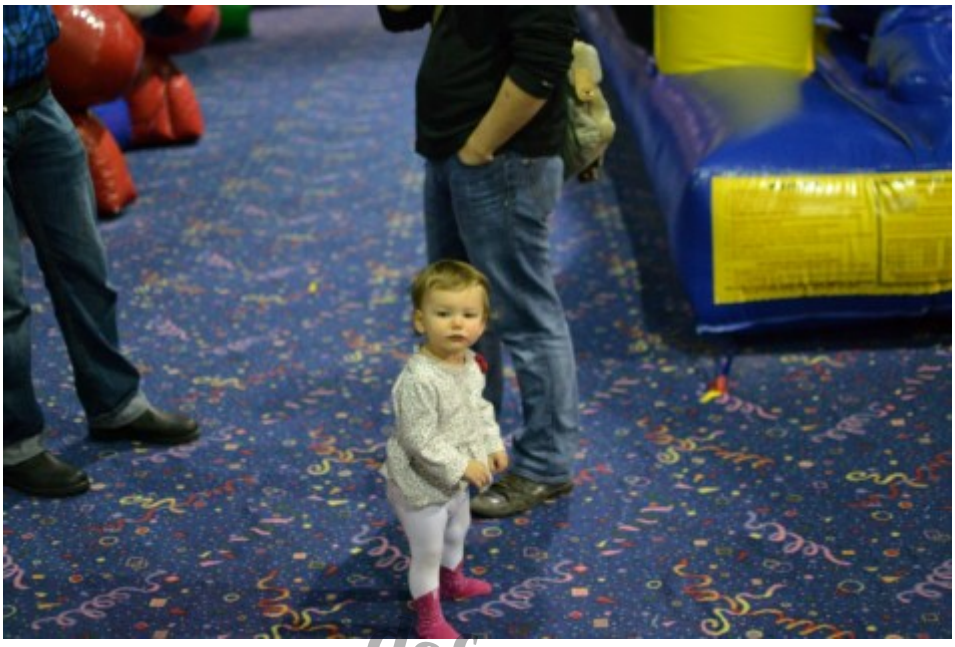
Friends and Strangers at the Bounce House

Description

Have you ever been to a bounce house? Think of those giant inflatables that fill the backyards of homes for a kidsâ€™ birthday party, only itâ€™s all indoors and filled with 10+ giant inflatables! In other words, a kidsâ€™ (and most adultsâ€™) wonderland!

As part of our Dallas Dads Group, I scheduled a Meetup at a local bounce house called Jump For Fun (fitting name Iâ€™d say) for us dads to gather and have fun with our kids. We had 4 dads attend, including me, and we each had one kid. It was hard to sit and talk with the other guys since I had to keep my eyes on Avery. She was all over the place!



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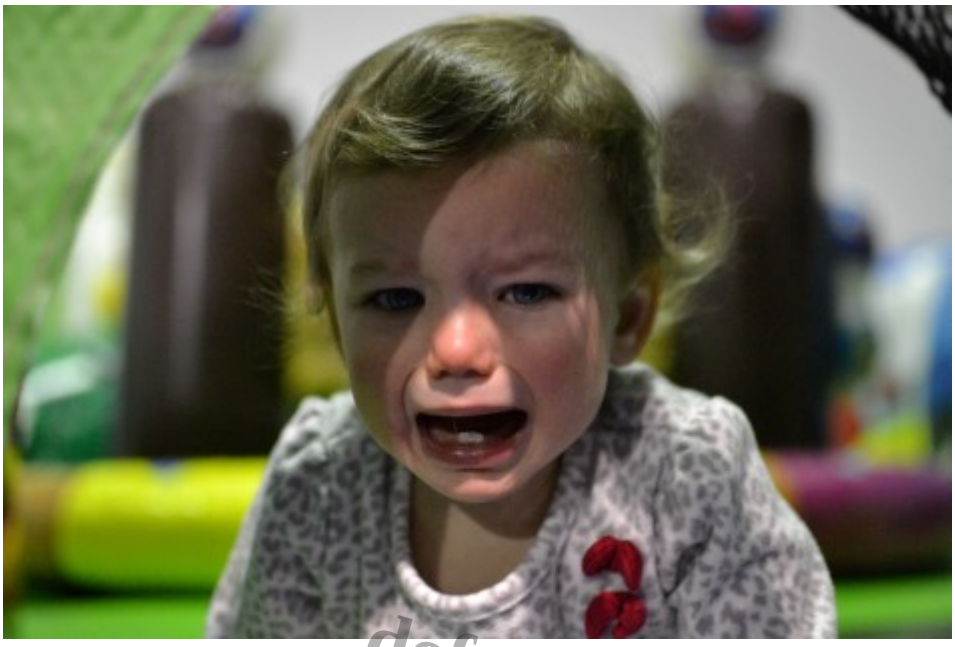
Okay, so not first, but she started moving after warming up to her surroundings.

Until I put her inside one of the inflatablesâ€¦â€¦



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Yeah, that was her first and last time in that one. Not sure what made her so upset, but I blame her current teething issue as the main culprit. Once back out on the floor though, her mood changed back to happy status.

But we obviously didnâ€™t go to a bounce house to run around the floor, so grabbed Avery and we went through several of the fun-filled obstacles together. She was confused at times, but I could tell she enjoyed it overall. But man, it was difficult trying to traverse some of the slippery inflatable steps with Avery in one arm! Regardless, we did it plenty of times, and even took on Batman!

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He was all talk. One of our neighborhood dads and friends, Jason, was there with his daughter, Zoey, and we took turns taking our girls down a giant slide.

Avery, with her cutting teeth, had her hand in her mouth most of the time we were there. Nothing a little tickling canâ€™t do to fix the hand-in-mouth issue.

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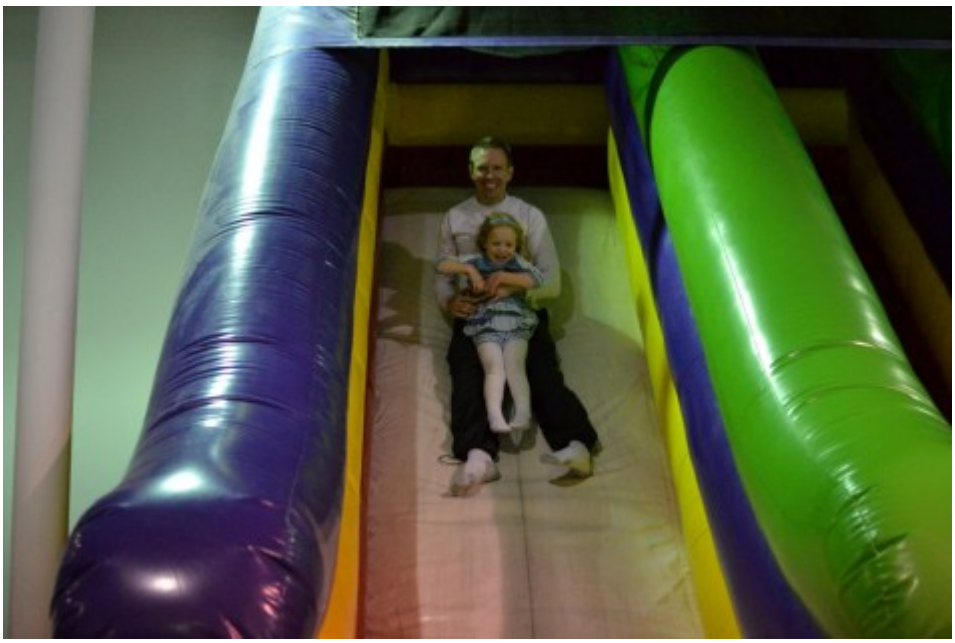
Jason and Zoey were able to go up and down several times in the time it took us to go once.



Zoey is older and she was having a blast running all over the place. Notice, no hands in mouth for her since she has all her teeth!

While wondering around, Avery made a new, older, friend who seemed to like picking her up.

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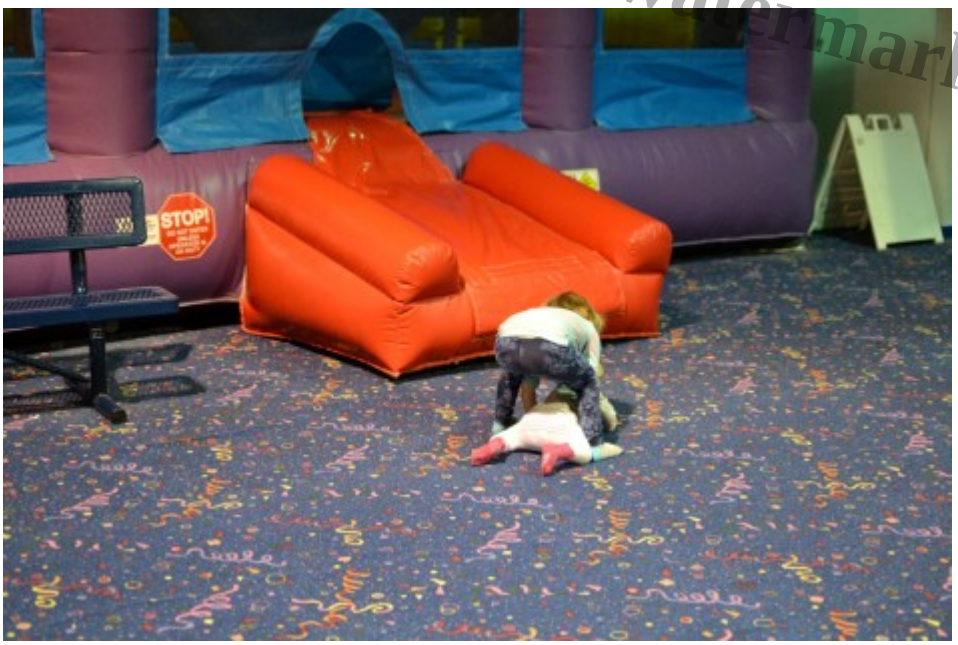
Seemed sweet and innocent enough, until she dropped her like a hot potato!



I guess they made up though, and the girl was more careful afterward.

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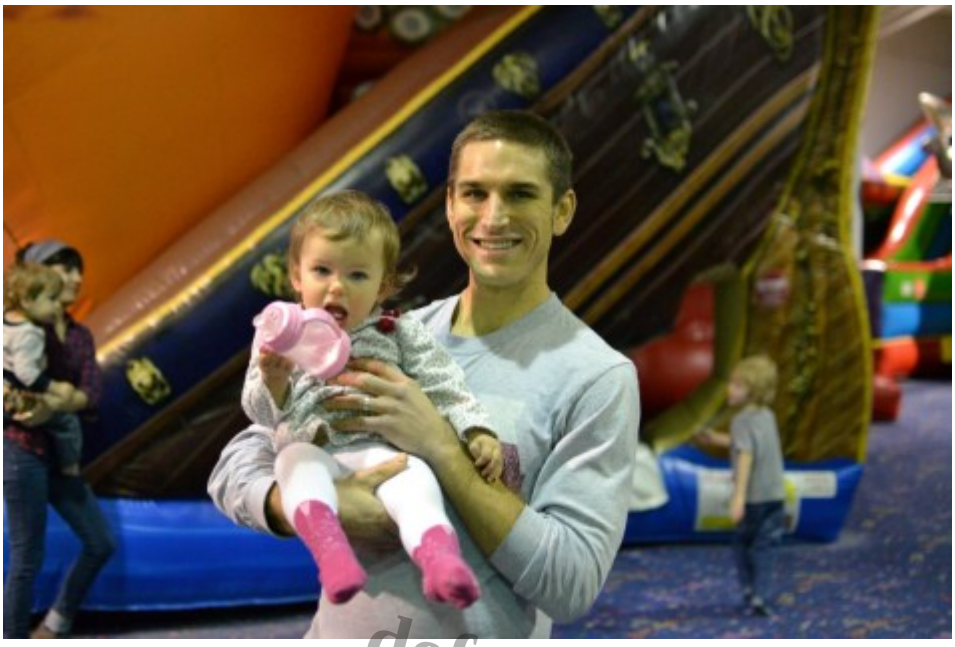
I donâ€™t know if it was the trauma of being dropped, her cutting teeth, or just because sheâ€™s a sweetheart, but Avery went up to a lady sitting on a bench, took the magazine sitting next to her, and held it up as if asking her to read it. The kind mom of two boys, Katie, kindly held Avery in her lap and read a little. Avery seemed to enjoy.

Everyone had a great time and weâ€™re hoping to make the place a regular meetup for our Dallas Dads Group soon. Maybe next time Avery wonâ€™t be in the middle of teething and actually smile for a picture.



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Eh, it wasnâ€™t crying, so Iâ€™ll consider it a win in my book. Whatever book that is, I donâ€™t know. Iâ€™m happy with the group of dads that met up and hope to be able to talk with them more next time. Which, thanks to our awesome group, weâ€™ll have the chance plenty of times in the near and distant future!

Avery had a very nice nap after we made it home. Think we need to do this *a lot* more!

If you have been to a bounce house or one of the backyard parties with an inflatable, how do you like them?

Do you join in on the jumping or just watch?

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