

Kristin Cavallari Says Baby Before Marriage 'Worked for Us'



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According to [People](#), the former *The Hills* star is perfectly happy with the way her life turned out. Cavallari found out she was pregnant right after she announced her re-engagement to Jay Cutler. "We definitely weren't ready to get married then and so we put everything on hold and we ended up having the baby before. I think that when we did get married, we were absolutely ready," she said. The happily married couple are now parents to son Camden Jack, 13 months and tied the knot in June.

How do you decide when you're ready for children?

Cupid's Advice:

Parenthood is one of life's greatest joys, but you have to be 100 percent ready for it. Are you and your partner thinking about expanding your family? Cupid has some tips:

1. In a good place: If you and your significant other can provide a stable living environment and you can afford to add another person into the mix, then go for it! Babies are expensive. Wait a little while longer if you're not sure if you're financially ready to keep up with the demands of a newborn. Make sure things are going well between you and your honey as well. You don't want to bring an innocent child into this world when there's obvious tension or unresolved problems between the two of you.

2. Talk it out: The only sure way of knowing if you're ready to have children or not is by talking it over with your companion. It takes two people to make a baby, so both parties involved need to be sure it's what they want. If one of you even has the slightest hesitation, then hold off on baby plans and revisit the idea in a few months when you and your partner have had more time to think.

3. Sacrifice: Taking care of another human being requires a lot of sacrifice. Certain aspects of your life will have to change if you plan on being a parent. You can forget about going to late-night parties during the first few years of raising your child. The money you saved up for those brand new shoes you had your eye on at the mall will have to go toward a pack of diapers. It may seem like a lot to give up, but if you're really invested in being someone's parent – it'll be worth it.

How did you decide you were ready to have children? Share your experience below.