Product Review: Back-To-School Products For Kids Of All Ages





By Bre Gajewski

No matter how old your child is, back to school can be timeconsuming, expensive and all-around stressful.

Product Review: These back-toschool products will score you a
parenting win with your kids!

CleanWell's Botanical Hand Sanitizer Spray, ~\$4





Whether your kid is going to elementary school or college, they are going to be surrounded by germs (and lots of them). This is why we love <u>CleanWell's Hand Sanitizer Spray</u>.

It is free of harsh chemicals and has a delicate citrus scent. The bottle is small enough for your kids to carry it in their pocket all day if they want to. The best part? You can buy it on Amazon or directly from CleanWell in a bundle with other amazing products!

Edushapes's Magic Shapes — 81pcs, \$20



For the littlest learners, it is extremely important to continue their education at home each night. This is why we love Edushape's Magic Shapes!. They are fun and encourage open-ended play which allows children to freely express themselves and helps with brain development.

Magic Shapes stimulate your child's imagination and teach them about shapes, colors, magnets and more. They will have so much fun creating designs and when it is time to clean up, all of the shapes fit into one EZ clean-up jar.

Vaya TyffynKids Dino Lunch Box, \$49



Lunch-time is sometimes the best part of the school day for kids. We love the <u>Vaya TyffynKyds</u> lunch boxes that will keep food hot or cold for 5-6 hours and come with partitions so you can pack more than one dish in each lunchbox. Kids will love the fun designs and you will love that it is BPA-free, leakproof and that you can pack food directly into the sections so you will have fewer containers to wash later.

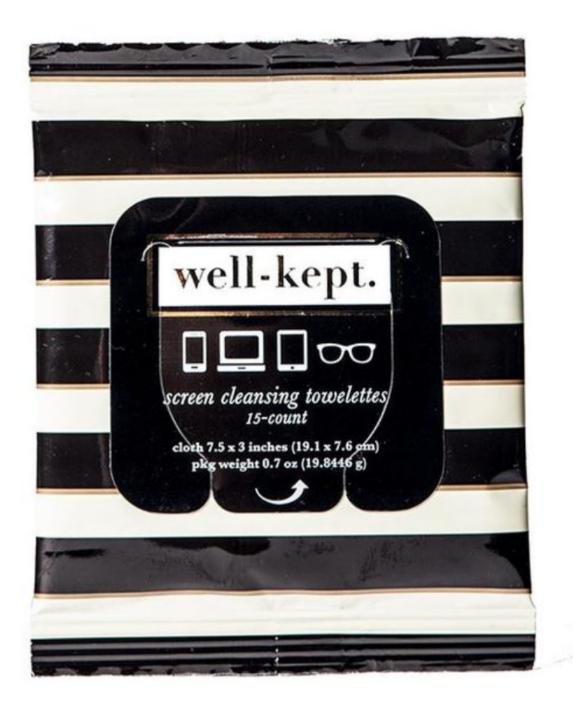
FAITH Backpack, Fenrici Resilience Collection, \$35



All children need a backpack for school to hold their belongings. These backpacks from Fenrici are unique, durable and help a good cause. 5% of their proceeds go to Global Genes, a non-profit organization that funds the education and research of rare pediatric diseases.

You can buy these backpacks knowing your children will love the designs and that your money is being spent to help other children get the care that they need.

Well-Kept Screen Cleansing Towelettes, \$6



These screen cleansing towelettes from <u>Well-Kept</u> are perfect to throw into your teen's backpack for school. Teenagers are constantly touching their phones, tablets and computers which tend to have about 60 times more germs than a toilet seat. Use the towelettes to wipe away all those germs!

Game Day Tote's Berkeley Crossbody in Rose Gold, \$56.50



When shopping for school, you can't forget about your collegeaged kids. Fall semester for college kids means football season. These bags from Game Day Tote are the perfect back to

school gift for your daughter because not only are they stylish but they obey the stadium bag policy.

Make sure to check out the <u>Cupid's Pulse product review page</u> for more recommendations!

Parenting Advice: How to Decorate Your Modern Nursery





By <u>Haley Lerner</u>

When you're expecting a new child, there are a lot of things to worry about. One of those things is nesting and getting a room all set up to house your new precious baby. So, are you looking to design the perfect nursery for your little tot? We've got the <u>parenting advice</u> to help you perfectly decorate a modern nursery for your baby.

Check out our parenting advice on how to decorate your modern nursery!

- 1. Neutral tones: One way to make your child's nursery feel really modern is by sticking to neutral colors and avoiding the usual choices like pinks, blues and yellows. Try decorate in shades of gray, white and black. These neutral colors will allow colorful accent pieces in the room to stand out.
- 2. Fun lighting: Spruce up your nursery with some cool lighting fixtures. Find a light fixture that can be a statement piece in the room. Whether it's a funky chandelier, contemporary lamps or a neon light sign, go for something that will add character to the room.

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- **3. Wallpaper:** Another way to make a room more modern is by using wallpaper. Pick a wall of the room to be a feature wall and cover it with a funky patterned wallpaper.
- **4. Mirrors:** If you want to make a nursery look bigger and more modern, incorporate several mirrors into the design of the room. It'll reflect light and make the room look sharper.

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5. Paint the ceiling: Another fun option if you're bold is to paint the nursery ceiling. If you keep the rest of the room

neutral, paint the ceiling with bold bright stripes or a fun, bright color.

Have any more tips on how to decorate a modern nursery? Comment below!

Product Review: Dress Your Baby Girl Like a Celebrity Baby with Feltman Brothers





By Bre Gajewski

Every baby deserves to be treated like a <u>celebrity baby</u>. That all starts with having the cutest outfits! Feltman Brothers has everything from bibs to gowns to make your baby the most stylish one at daycare.

Product Review: Feltman Brothers baby clothing is the parenting product you need to dress your child like a celebrity baby.

Feltman Brothers has been producing beautiful, high-quality baby clothes since 1916. They have sizes ranging from premies to toddlers for both boys and girls.

The company's mission is to provide you with traditional baby clothing that's classically designed and expertly tailored. Each item includes hand embroidered detailing, smocking, fagotting, fluting and intricate open work designs.

We love the following two items for baby girls:

Knit Cardigan and Bloomer Set - \$59.50



This set is a classic combination of cute and cozy. It is available in colors ivory and sea coral in sizes 3 months to 24 months.

Girls Knit Bunny Shortall - \$46.95



This outfit is perfect for your little cuddle bunny. It is available in sizes 3 to 24 months.

Both of these are made of 100% cotton and are machine washable. Check out their <u>website</u> and follow them on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Pinterest</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for more adorable outfits and accessories

Parenting Trend: Royal Baby

Names





By <u>Haley Lerner</u>

Choosing a name for your child can be extremely tough. You can look through hundreds of baby name books and still not know what to name your little tot. Luckily, we have England's royal family to inspire us with some names perfect for any baby. When Prince William and Kate Middleton's first child Prince George was born, the name George climbed up the top 10 list of baby names for England and Wales, according to the Office for National Statistics. So, we've got the perfect parenting advice for you to jump on this parenting trend and give your new addition a royal baby name.

Check out our parenting advice on how to choose a royal baby name for your child!

- 1. Traditional monarchical names: One way to go in choosing a royal baby name is by going for a more traditional and elegant name, like Victoria or Edward. These names might not be as common as those currently in the royal family, so one may be a unique choice for your child!
- 2. Older names: If you prefer a baby name that won't be common, go for a name from older rulers in England, like Matilda, Joan, Edgar or Alfred.

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- **3. Modern names:** If you really love the current royal family, go for a more modern royal name. Whether it's Harry, William, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Louis, Phillip or George, these names can easily be a great fit for your child.
- **4. Unusual names:** Looking for an extra special name for your child? Go for one that's from another royal family outside of Great Britain. Try out Xenia, Zara, Savannah, Cosima, Octavius, Lionel, Nikolai or Charlene.

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5. Opt out of using a royal name: If naming your baby after royals isn't your thing, don't fret! It's perfectly fine to instead go for any name you like. Check out baby name websites and books to find the name you feel is just right!

Have any more tips on how to name your baby after a royal? Comment below!

Parenting Tips: Make Popsicles with Your Kids This Summer





By <u>Haley Lerner</u>

In the summer, school is out and your kids are typically spending more time at home. This means that coupled with the sticky hot weather, you have rambunctious children to entertain! Everyone knows the perfect summer treat to cool down is ice cream, but instead of waiting for the ice cream truck to come down your block, why not make a yummy dessert yourself? Or even better, have your little tots help you make

them. We have the <u>parenting advice</u> to help make your summer extra sweet with homemade popsicles.

Check out these parenting tips on how to make popsicles with your kids this summer:

- 1. Pick out ingredients: Head to the grocery store, and let your child pick out his or her favorite popsicle ingredients. If you're looking to go the simple route, any fruit juice is a good base. If you're ready to put more work into it (and have a juicer/blender at home), pick out some fresh fruit (and some green veggies if you can manage to sneak them in). Consider picking up whole fruits like blueberries or strawberries to throw in at the end as well.
- 2. Get a mold: It's important you have something to put all that fruit juice into, so while you're at the grocery store, pick out some small paper cups. Some stores even sell special popsicle molds. Don't forget to grab popsicle sticks, too!

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- 3. Put it all together: Once home with all of your ingredients, enlist the help of your kid(s) to help put the popsicles together. Help your child pour the juice or fruit puree (after you blend it) into the popsicle molds. It's the perfect parent-child activity that will be super fun for your little chef.
- **4. Let it freeze:** After placing popsicle sticks in the middle of your fruit juice, carefully put all the molds in the freezer and take them out when the pops are frozen. Then, carefully pull the mold off and give your child the perfect frozen treat!

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5. Eat the popsicles outside: It's summer, so enjoy the nice weather while it lasts! Set up a picnic in your yard or at a park, and enjoy the fresh popsicles with your children. Spend a perfect summer day eating your healthy cold snack and playing in the sun.

Do you have any more tips for making the perfect summer popsicles? Comment them below!

Product Review: Baby Fashion for Easy & Cute Parenting





By Rachel Sparks

This post was sponsored by Tiny Universe.

This <u>product review</u> of Around the Crib infant clothes is the most adorable thing we've seen today. As if <u>parenting</u> isn't hard enough, finding cute clothes that can withstand the curiosity of your children is near impossible. Every parent wants their children to look just as glamorous as a <u>celebrity</u> <u>baby</u>, and these designs will help you do just that!

Product review: baby clothes to help you parent in style!

Around the Crib, a division of Tiny Universe, is couture fashion for your beloved little one. Tiny Universe started as a family business 55 years ago and has since become the leading company in headwear. Since then, they have branched into subsidiaries, such as Around the Crib, designed and tested by parents, to create everything you could need for ultimate parenting.

1. All Tulle Dress





Tulle Dress from Around the Crib. Photo courtesy of aroundthecrib.ca

Colored in soft pink or black and white, this layered, short-sleeved dress can be as delicate or as modern as you choose. Sizes range from newborn to that of a six year old, so siblings can match! The zipper in the back allows for easy dressing on those frustrating mornings. The dress is machine washable and certified by Oeko-Tex, indicating a lack of harmful substances. Priced at \$77, it's the perfect dress for a special occasion.

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2. <u>Body Ballerina Short Sleeves</u>



Body Ballerina Short Sleeve from Tiny Universe. Photo courtesy of aroundthecrib.ca

This tiny dancer outfit will help those wiggly little legs look even cuter! Sized from newborn to 24 month olds, the ballerina dress is great for hyper toddlers. The ballerina skirt is made from tulle, while the body is 100% cotton. Another machine washable dress means an instant addition to your toddler's wardrobe. At \$43, it's a affordable way to show off your energetic baby!

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3. Single Rabbit Night Light



Single Rabbit Night Light from Around the crib. Photo courtesy of aroundthecrib.ca

What better way to end a product review for your kiddos than with a night light? It will help end your day in the most peaceful way. This rabbit-shaped light is as unique as it is delightful. Designed for little hands, the rabbit lights up all night from anywhere in the room, even from within the crib! With a twelve hour battery life, it automatically lights up when it's off of its charging base. Just set it on the base in the morning for another night of uninterrupted sleep! Best of all, a restful night only costs you \$44.

We love the way Around the Crib makes our babies look! Want to buy one of these cute options? Check out their website at aroundthecrib.ca or their social media pages like Facebook and Instagram.

Product Review: The Perfect Jewelry to Earn a Parenting Win





By Rachel Sparks

Want the know the best tokens of affection you can offer your loved ones? As if <u>parenting</u> isn't hard enough, trying to please your children is downright challenging. Your child's devotion to the latest trends is unparalleled and practically impossible to keep up with, but these jewelry finds will help make you Parent of the Year and help your child flaunt the latest <u>celebrity fashion</u>!

Check out these product reviews for your parenting score!

Tiny Dancer Necklace



Designed and hand-made by Isabelle Grace, this <u>necklace</u> features a ballerina charm and a personalized initial charm. It's perfect for commemorating a dance competition or to help your little darling live out their dancing dream! The ballerina charm is three-quarters of an inch tall and half an inch wide. The initial charm, a tiny circle, rests just above the dancer's head. Both charms are fine silver and can be gold coated or oxidized. What's better? You can customize with gems and other charms. Priced at a reasonable \$48, it's an easy to dream of gift for your child.

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Crushed Glass Earrings



Isabelle Grace Drop earrings. Photo
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Another great design by Isabelle Grace! These <u>drop earrings</u> are hand-crafted with crushed German glass and Swarovski teardrop stones for an elegant and retro look. The design comes from Isabelle Grace's Gypsy Glam look that encourages a fearless sense of self and the courage to live life as an adventure. What better gift to give to your children as they enter the turbulent teenage years? The earring hangs on a gold-plated lever back wire and hangs approximately two inches. Priced at \$46, it's an affordable token of your love and support.

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You can shop more custom looks from Isabelle Grace at their website <u>isabellegracejewelry.com</u> or check out their <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages!

Product Review: 3 Must-Have Items for Running Errands With Your Kids





By <u>Karley Kemble</u>

If you're an on-the-go parent, you know how challenging it can be to have your little ones tag along with you on your errands. From tantrums in the toy aisle, to sneaking snacks into your cart, a short shopping trip can take a lot longer than you originally planned. While it may seem impossible, these three products are huge game-changers for your next trip to the store!

Grocery shopping just got a little easier with Molo and Candy Lane Kidz clothing, Binxy Baby, and Maddy & Maize Popcorn. Check out our product review:

1. Molo & Candy Lane Kidz: Say goodbye to your embarrassment over bringing your child to the store in his or her pajamas. Your little one will be more stylish than you in the awesome outfits from Molo or from Candy Lane Kidz. Both these brands supply fashion-forward clothing for boys and girls of all ages! Molo specializes in wallet-friendly trends that are flexible, high-quality, and detailed. Candy Lane Kidz is on the pricier side, but perfect for treating your kiddos to something nice! You can't go wrong with any item from either of these brands.

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2. Binxy Baby: Carrying around your car seat or lugging a stroller along is not always practical or easy. It's even more challenging when you have more than one baby with you! The Binxy Baby Shopping Cart Hammock really changes shopping as you know it. This revolutionary invention uses strong cups and a super secure harness that hook on both sides of the cart. Your baby will be safe and comfortable while you grab those groceries! Serena Williams and Heidi Montag love Binxy Baby

and use it to cart around their <u>celebrity babies</u> on their trips to the store.

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3. Maddy & Maize Popcorn: Sometimes, all your kiddos need is a snack to pacify them. Maddy & Maize Popcorn is the perfect solution, as long as your kids are over five years old. These snacks are awesome because they are all-natural, non-GMO, have no artificial ingredients or preservatives, and are made with organic ingredients. They have very yummy flavors that your kids will love — aged white cheddar, cookies and cream, birthday cake, and more! The popcorn is made in small-batches, which makes it perfect to pack in your diaper bag, too.

You deserve a easy and breezy shopping trip, especially when you have your kids tagging along. Do yourself a favor and bring these products into your life! May all your trips to the grocery store be tear-free and forever happy.

Parenting Tips: Rainy Day Activities





By Karley Kemble

It's raining, and your kiddos are loving the day inside. At first, they'rere having a blast playing with their toys, but now they're becoming restless with their pent-up energy. (There are only so many toys, after all, you don't have a celebrity baby!) You still can't go out since it's wet and raining, so what is there to do? If you've ever been in this predicament, you know how frustrating it can be for you and your kids! The days where you can't go outside are always the days that your kids want to go outside the most! Never fear, Cupid is here. The next time rain tries to put a damper to your day, you'll have an arsenal of games and activities ready to go!

These <u>parenting tips</u> are sure to alleviate rainy day restlessness and boredom!

1. Build a pillow fort: Relive the days of your childhood, and

build a pillow fort with your kids! The best forts don't need much: just pillows or couch cushions, blankets, and chairs. Forts are truly a timeless art form and can be used for many different purposes. Your kiddos will have a blast playing pretend all day and hanging out inside!

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2. Create a scavenger hunt: Scavenger hunts are an awesome way to release pent-up energy. You can set the stakes high with a new toy, or simply hide some candy bars. Get bonus points for having a cohesive theme for the entire hunt, such as pirates or princesses. You'll find that your little ones will really get into the theme and feel as though they're actually looking for buried treasure!

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3. Make a mini museum: Make the old feel new again to your kids, and turn your living room into a museum. Have your kids set up shop by making displays of whatever they feel like showing off — toys, books, and pieces of art — the list is endless! Once the museum is "ready to open," have your kids act as the museum docents and take you on a tour. Encourage them to share the history and backstories of all the items, whether they are true or not!

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- 4. Get crafty: There are tons of crafts you can do while being cooped up inside. One of the biggest DIY crafts with kids right now is "slime." All you need is Elmer's glue, borax, water, and food coloring! Crafts keep your kids occupied and engaged and truly help develop their creativity. They'll also have tons of pride once they have a completed product.
- 5. Bring out the board games: Contrary to what most people may

think, board games are still alive and thriving. Kids aren't just glued to their technology; they still like board games! Rainy days are the perfect opportunity to open that cabinet full of games and spend quality time with each other. These moments will instill many wonderful memories within your kids' lives, too!

What do you like to do on rainy days? Tell us in the comments — we'd love to hear about it!

Product Review: Keep Your Kids Happy and Comfortable With These Products





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By Ashleigh Underwood

We want what is best for our kids, and that means getting them the best products. When it comes to <u>fashion</u> and <u>travel</u> however, it can be tough to choose which items you and your child will love. You want them to be happy with and comfortable in whatever you choose, and you want to make sure the products are top notch.

Items from Revell, Purl Lamb, and BayB Brand are sure to have you, and your kids, feeling thrilled.

Revell

A struggle among many parents is finding a way to keep your child occupied during a trip. Without something to distract them, children can get fussy or even wander off. Well, with the model car kits from Revell, that fear is no longer an

issue. With many kits to choose from, your child, aged 5+, can enjoy putting together a car from their favorite movie, *Cars!* These unique cars are built with a kid friendly nut and screw connector system, and create working headlights, action sounds, changeable mouth and eye expressions. Starting at just \$24.99, you can pick up this awesome toy from Target, Meijer, Fred Meyer, Hobby Lobby or Amazon.



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Purl Lamb

If you're looking to dress your child is the comfiest, yet most stylish outfit you have ever seen, then look no further. Purl Lamb's newest collaboration with artist Matthew Langille is sure to have your child feeling as cozy as can be. With choices ranging from jumpers, to hoodies, and sweats, this collections offers many different unique designs including a crazy lamb print! The collection offers sizes 0-24, so you can keep your kids looking stylish and feeling fresh as they grow for a very long time.



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BayB Brand

The key to a hassle free travel is ensuring you child is safe and warm as you move around. An incredible item from BayB Brand is their Car Seat Canopy. Simply place this product over your car seat, and shelter your child from any outside influences. Let your baby sleep in peace and enjoy a nice dark atmosphere as you carry them from place to place. Not only does this brand offer the canopy, but also a matching blanket. Now, your baby can stay warm and cozy in their car seat, while snuggling up with their adorable Minky Dot Blanket. For \$19.99 each, you can ensure your childs warmth and protection during all your traveling ordeals.



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What do you think of these adorable products? Comment below!

Parenting Tips: How to Deal with Empty Nest Syndrome





By Ashleigh Underwood

When you have a child, <u>parenting</u> becomes a big part of your life. You are invested in your kids, and much of what you do is about them and for them. What happens, then, when your children grow up and no longer need your constant care? Unfortunately, for many parents, the result is empty nest syndrome, causing depression and extreme loneliness. Thankfully, <u>PsychologyToday.com</u> offers some helpful insights for dealing with these tough times.

If you're struggling with Empty Nest Syndrome, worry not. Cupid is here to help, with five parenting tips to deal with your symptoms:

1. Talk it out: In most situations, the best thing you can do is talk about how you feel. Getting your emotions out in the open allows for you to release some stress you have and to

think out your problems. Opening up to your spouse or your friends can also give you a new perspective on your feelings. Odds are they are going or have gone through the same situation.

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- 2. Find new hobbies: When her youngest children went off to college, celebrity mom Susan Sarandon took advantage of her free time. She jumped headfirst into her acting career and stared in a Broadway play. Whether you throw yourself into your work, like Sarandon, or take up painting, a new activity can easily distract you from your quiet home.
- **3. Keep in touch:** Just because your kids have flown the nest, doesn't mean you can never talk to them again. Stay in contact! Every once in a while, check in with your kids and see what they are up to. This will keep you feeling close and connected with them, even while they're gone.

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- **4. Stay positive:** In hard times, it is easy to fall into a negative state. You can tell yourself every negative scenario in the book, but it will only make things worse. Instead, keep your head up and focus on the positives. Every situation is easier with a positive attitude.
- **5. Prepare beforehand:** Before your children leave, take some time to prepare. Enhance your personal and social life so that you have something to look forward to when they are away. Make new friends, start new hobbies or even begin talking about your fears in advance.

How do you deal with empty nest syndrome? Comment Below!

Parenting Tips: 5 Holiday Activities to Do With Your Child





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

The holiday season can mean a bunch of different things to you and your families, but to those with kids, winter break and time off from school is on most of our minds. Though the holidays are a joyous time filled with family gatherings and delicious food, boredom can quickly set in during the break. If you find yourself struggling to find activities suitable for your children, check out some of Cupid's ideas.

Head below to look over a few of Cupid's parenting tips for this holiday season!

- 1. Volunteer: The holidays are bound to be one of the most exciting times of the year, and it's mainly due to gifts and presents! Even if you and your families are fortunate enough to shower one another in gifts, try taking your kids to volunteer this year. Help out people in your community by contributing to a toy drive or a soup kitchen.
- 2. Have a holiday movie marathon: Snowy day preventing you and your kids from leaving the house? Never fear! Compile some of your favorite holiday movies, along with theirs. Sit everyone down in the living room and make a few yummy snacks, then spend the day in your pajamas and getting in the holiday spirit.

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- 3. Create a family time capsule: After teaching your children about what a time capsule is, have them pick out a few of their favorite holiday memories and write them on pieces of paper. Add in some photos, drawings, and hand written notes, then wrap it all up in a present for next year.
- 4. Pose for holiday cards: While it may be a running tradition in some family's households, this is still a fun activity to do with you and your kids. Have everyone get dressed up (whether you want to do a serious card or a funny one is completely up to you!), and then sit down and pose for this year's card. Send them out throughout December and don't forget to save one for yourself!

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5. Make a gingerbread house: This idea is a classic that guarantees fun for the whole family. Either buy a gingerbread house set or bake some pieces from scratch, then have fun decorating the house the night before your favorite holiday. Even feel free to eat it after you're done decorating!

What are some of your favorite activities to do with your kids during the holiday season? Share some of your thoughts below.

Parenting Tips: Being an Adoptive Parent





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

The journey that comes along with parenting is never a walk in the park, but becoming or being an adoptive parent is a completely different experience. Although it is heart-warming, kind, and a beautiful adventure, there can also be a lot of heartache, stress, and emotional trauma. Similarly to having your own biological child, there is no amount of advice that can fully prepare you for the real thing. However, if you're still in the market for some suggestions, Cupid has your back.

Check out these parenting tips if you're on the road to becoming an adoptive parent!

1. Decide between an open or closed adoption: Assuming you've done the majority of your research and have made the final decision to become an adoptive parent, choosing between an open or closed adoption is a another huge aspect. Closed adoptions consist of a rather confidential relationship

between your child and their birth parents, where they will have little to no contact. On the other hand, with open adoptions, the birth parent(s) are able to communicate with you or your adopted child, but the extent of contact is completely up to you.

2. Understand the finances: The money aspect of adoption is something that typically isn't talked about. Though it depends on the type of adoption you choose (domestic, international, private or independent), adopting a child can cost anywhere between \$4,000 to \$30,000. Given these hefty costs, there are ways to lessen the amount of money to pay, like low-interest loans offered by the National Adoption Foundation.

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- 3. Use a lawyer: Adoption experts suggest hiring a lawyer, especially one that specializes in adoptions, when the process officially begins. Although this can sound scary and more legal than expect, a lawyer will ensure that there are no mistakes or loopholes when it comes down to being the adopted child's guardian. At the end of the day, you would rather be safe than sorry.
- 4. There can be a lot of emotional and physical damage: Experts advise to keep your expectations low regarding the adopted child. This is not meant to be crude, but rather because the child's former environment could have potentially left them in a rough state. A high percentage of adopted children were exposed to drugs or alcohol in the womb, which can have longterm effects, both physical or emotional.

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5. Be open: Although the stigma surrounding adoption has mainly been lifted, it's highly important to be open about the topic, especially with your child. Focus on celebrating your

family rather than acting like it's some sort of taboo subject, and be prepared to talk about the process as well.

What are some of your tips for adoptive parents? Leave your thoughts below.

Product Review: Let Your College Student Feel Like Stylish Celebrity With Modular Closets





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Your young adult is probably excited to attend their first year of college, or maybe he or she is returning this year. The parenting advice that you may want to give your child is to only pack what they need for their school year. If your college student is obsessed with their <u>fashion</u> outfits and accessories, it may be challenging for them to put a limit on what they bring along. With Modular Closets, they'll have the ability to store away many outfits, sports gear, textbooks, and accessories all in one space. Measure the space you would like to work with and see how you can transform any dorm room or apartment with a celebrity style touch!

Treat your college student to an organized and stylish school year with Modular Closets with these Pre-Designed options!

1. 5' Bi-Level Hanging Modular Closet Organizer With Shelf Tower: Stack up your students sneaker or heel collection with the shelf tower or hang up favorite outfits in the hanging organizer! The shelves are made of solid plywood that can hold up thick and heavy textbooks when your student needs to have space for their class assignments. This space is easy to assemble and is pre-drilled to put in a living space.



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There are many more options for your college student! See for which one you can fit your student's living space

Product Review: Soften Up a Room with Lorena Canals New Rug Collection





By <u>Marissa Donovan</u>

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Are you looking to update a room in your house or looking to give a friend a house warming gift? Lorena Canals' new

tropical rug collection is perfect for any room! Chrissy Teigen is one of the many celebrity parents who are crazy about this eco-friendly company. These rugs are functional around pets and messy little hands because of their ability to be easily machine washed and are 100% made with cotton with non-toxic dyes.

Check out the new plants and Moroccan inspired rugs for your home!

Botanic Plants: This earth loving rug can match house plants and furniture in an office space or living room area. The warm ombré tones can also cover old hardwood floors and titles.



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Tropical Green: Try out Lorena Canals's Tropical Green rug in your apartment space. This rug will also be a great gift for a child going off to college or for a bridal shower. Its versatility can go with any room decor!



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Naador: This tribal inspired rug can spice up any living space that needs a pop of color! Try this rug out in a laundry room or even near the front door of your home!



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Celebrity Parents Who Keep Their Kids Out of the Spotlight





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

With living in a world absolutely obsessed with pop culture and celebrities, you can only wonder — what does the media love *more* than stars? The answer to that is unsurprising and comes in the form of little ones... celebrity families! Not only does our society idolize celebs, but we also have a fascination with famous families like the Kardashians. This obsession has caused celebrity parents to make the executive decision to keep their children out of the spotlight — and we can't exactly blame them!

Check out these celebrity parents and their kids, who have managed to stay out of the limelight!

1. Sandra Bullock: Bullock adopted two children, Louis Bardo in 2010, and Laila in 2015. Although the paparazzi are always dying to catch candids of the single mom with her kids, Bullock has expressed her need for privacy on multiple

occasions. "Most foster children are in foster care because they were taken from their birth homes under tragic circumstances," she says. "The last thing I wanted was to bring more harm to her because of the nature of my job."

2. Adele: Adele and husband Simon Konecki had their son in October 2012, and have kept him out of the spotlight to the best of their abilities. "We need to have some privacy," Adele explained. "I think it's really hard being a famous person's child." The couple even went as far as suing paparazzi in 2013 for taking photos of their son on a private family outing.

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- 3. Jennifer Garner: When it comes to this celeb mom, her main concern was how aggressive the paparazzi were toward her three kids, Violet, Seraphina, and Samuel. She says that her kids were constantly uncomfortable with the paparazzi, and didn't want them to know what they looked like. "They don't want this at all, and I don't want it for them," Garner said.
- 4. Ryan Gosling and Eva Mendes: These celebrity parents are notorious for keeping things under wraps. In fact, the majority of their six-year long relationship has been extremely private! The couple have two daughters together, Esmeralda and Amada. "I find the media's 'bump watch' obsession to be both intrusive and stressful," says Mendes. "So I made the decision to eject myself from it completely."

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5. Tyra Banks: Tyra welcomed her son, York, into the world just last year, and has made a great effort to keep his life relatively low-key. "I don't think that my son has ever asked to be seen, so I'm very, very conservative when it comes to showing him," said Banks.

Who are some of your favorite celebrity families? Share your

Marriage Advice from Celebrity Couples Who Stay Together





By <u>Marissa Donovan</u>

Over the years, there have been many "it" couples worth following in <u>celebrity news</u>. Most of us admire the romance between <u>celebrity couples</u>, especially when they make their marriages work during their years of being <u>celebrity parents</u>!

What can these couples teach us about how to make a marriage work?

Here is some celebrity relationship advice you can apply to your own marriage!

1. Take breaks from each other: Chrissy Teigen and John Legend may seem like a couple that is together 24/7, but they do spend time apart. According <u>EOnline.com</u>, the couple values trips away from each other because it allows them to miss being together and appreciate their relationship. Spending time apart really does make the heart grow founder!



John Legend and Chrissy Teigen. Photo: Instagram

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2. Make each other laugh: These 90's Hollywood sweethearts are still together after 15 marriage! Freddie Prinze Jr. spoke with <u>EOnline.com</u> and shared that his secret to a successful marriage with Sarah Michelle Gellar is laughter! Keeping each other happy will continue to make your marriage work.

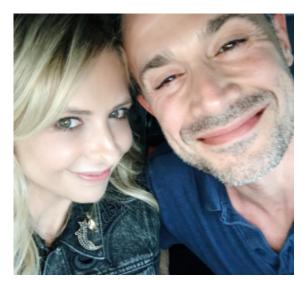


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3. Always communicate: Neil Patrick Harris and Husband David Burtka have been known for their awesome parenting skills, but the couple can also be a great example for making a marriage work! According to *ETOnline.com*, the secret to their marriage is speaking up and talking to each other. Discussing your problems and letting each other know how you are feeling will make your marriage stronger in the long run!



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4. Rebuild your relationship: This famous musical couple has

been under the spotlight in recent years over a cheating scandal. Jay-Z can assure everyone that not every marriage is perfect. The rapper spoke with *RollingStone.com* and revealed that he had to rebuild his marriage with <u>Beyoncé</u> in order for them to be happy again. Sometimes hardships can make a marriage crumble, but sometimes you can make it work at the end of the day!



Jay-Z and Beyonce. Photo: Rick Maiman/Fame Pictures

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5. Watch *Oprah* together: The funny duo Leslie Mann and Judd Apatow have worked together on many romantic comedies together and have been married for 20 years! The director shared with *Vice.com* that they both watch Oprah's *SuperSoul Sunday* and then apply lessons from the show to their marriage each week. Television shows that give you relationship advice can be helpful for you and your partner!



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Which famous married couple is your favorite from this list? What advice will you be applying to your marriage? Tell us in the comments!

Top 5 Most Famous Celebrity Kids





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

When it comes to Hollywood families, celebrities tend to have varying opinions on whether or not to keep their kids out of the spotlight. While celeb couples like Ryan Gosling and Eva Mendes choose to keep their children fairly private, there are some celebrity kids out there that are becoming even more famous then their parents!

Check out some of the most famous celebrity kids that are sure to carry on their parents' legacy!

- 1. North West: Daughter to celebrity mega-couple <u>Kim Kardashian</u> and <u>Kanye West</u>, North was born into one of the most scandalous families on the planet. At only 4 years old, North has become a fashion icon, attended multiple runway shows during New York Fashion Week, and is the owner to a \$12,000 toy SUV.
- 2. Blue Ivy Carter: This list wouldn't be complete without the daughter to music moguls Beyonce and <u>Jay-Z</u>. Blue Ivy was born in 2012 and has since gone on extravagant vacations alongside her parents, in addition to even being credited on Beyonce's self-titled album and making her rap debut on Jay-Z's 4:44.

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- **3. Jaden and Willow Smith:** This famous duo has already been around long enough to make names for themselves, but are most commonly known as Will and Jada Pinkett-Smith's children. Jaden, 19, grew up acting alongside his dad in films like *The Karate Kid* and *The Pursuit of Happyness*, while Willow, 16, was releasing bangers like "Whip My Hair" at only 10 years old.
- **4. Asahd Khaled:** As the son to one of the hottest rappers in Hollywood, DJ Khaled, Asahd has had an amazing start to his

life — and he's not even a year old yet! Asahd was credited as an executive producer on his dad's most recent album, *Grateful*, and his Instagram account (run by his parents, of course) has 1.1 million followers.

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5. Suri Cruise: Perhaps one of the most famous kids on Earth, Suri Cruise is the daughter to <u>Tom Cruise</u> and <u>Katie Holmes</u>. Despite having a rather luxurious life filled with million dollar birthday parties, her parents got divorced in 2012, and Holmes currently has custody of Suri.

Who are some of your favorite celebrity kids? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrity Parents Open Up About Their Best Parenting Advice





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

Hollywood parents aren't always the first place we look to for parenting advice, but realistically, they understand the daily hardships of having kids that we all go through. Plus, they look good while doing it, so why wouldn't we listen to their offered words of wisdom? Instead of flipping through your favorite parenting magazine, take some of these tidbits of information into consideration.

Check out some parenting advice from our favorite celebrity parents below!

1. "Be open to any help." Elizabeth Banks' number one tip is to accept and ask for help when needed. She says that a lot of today's moms may feel like they need to me "supermoms", but that shouldn't be the case — and she's right! You should never feel ashamed when you need to ask for some assistance from your friends or family members. Being a mom is a tough job!

2. "Roll with the flow." Heidi Klum explained that her house is basically chaos due to her kids, but she's perfectly okay with it — and you should be too! She emphasizes the fact that her house is "full of life, laughter, and mayhem", and any mom can relate to that. When stressing about the natural disorder that comes with having kids, remember Klum's words of advice: "My house is not a museum. You can see that children live there. It's their house as much as it is mine."

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- 3. "It passes so quickly, so enjoy every moment." This tip comes from Alicia Silverstone, who is a mom to six-year-old Bear Blu Jarecki. Even though moments of motherhood can seem beyond stressful, Silverstone advises to enjoy it all. Try not to get wrapped up in the anxiety that comes with raising a child, and rather appreciate every laugh, mess, and smile.
- 4. "Listen to your child, and always be supportive of who they are." Jaime Pressly says that it's extremely important to let your child grow into the person they want to be, and to accept their likes and dislikes. Instead of forcing who you want them to be onto them, let them discover what they enjoy at the end of the day, they're going to become their own individual person anyway, and you should be proud of that regardless.

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5. "This too shall pass, so take deep breaths." Perhaps one of the most important pieces of parenting advice comes from Kimora Lee Simmons. Similarly to Silverstone's tip, both celeb moms emphasize the fact that motherhood shouldn't be all stress. There will always be difficult days and moments, but remember not to let them consume you. Take a few deep breaths and return to the situation with love and kindness.

What are some of your favorite parenting tips? Leave them

Product Review: Mom and Baby's Favorite Baby Clothes





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By Melissa Lee

Parents are constantly on the hunt for the best products for their babies. While there are countless things that a baby needs, diapers, clothes, and blankets are just some of the most important. If you're looking to try out a few new brands and products, Cupid's got you covered with some <u>parenting</u> advice!

The Ollie Swaddle, Bambino Mio's Dream Traveler collection, and Finn + Emma's Giraffe collection are guaranteed to ensure great parenting and a happy baby!

The Ollie Swaddle

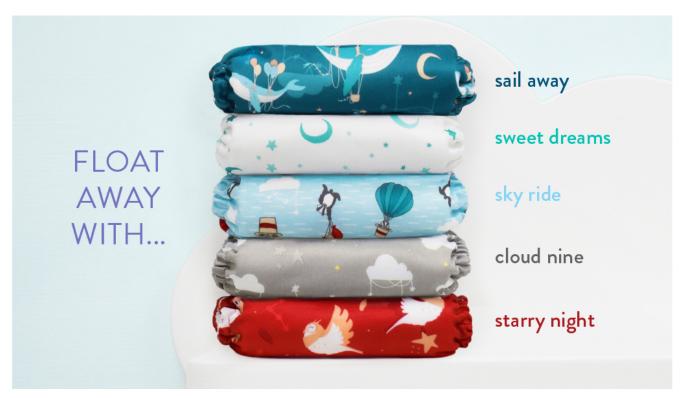
The Ollie Swaddle is highly recommended for those that wish to form a secure bond with your baby. Hindi Zeidman, the founder of this product, has even shared advice that entails beginning the process when you are still pregnant. The Ollie Swaddle is the 'Smart Swaddle' that is supposed to ensure your baby feels calm, peaceful and comforted. It's designed to extend a number of sleep babies get, reduce fussiness, and help babies selfcalm. The material of the fabric allows for freedom of movement, but also makes it easy to change diapers. Though it is sold out in all colors on their website, it usually retails for \$59. New inventory will be back next week!



The Ollie Swaddle.

Bambino Mio's Dream Traveler collection

Bambino Mio's latest collection includes a range of cloth diapers and accessories in a dreamland theme. The dream traveler collection has five new prints — sky ride, cloud nine, sweet dreams, starry night and sail away — and are all available in the miosolo all-one diaper, miosoft two-piece diaper cover and wet diaper bags. The miosolo all-in-one diaper is designed to be as easy and disposable as possible, complete with adjustable snaps, velcro style fastenings and an absorbent fabric core. The miosoft two-piece diaper is 100% cotton. It also comes with a lightweight diaper cover, which is water-resistant and features leak protection. Lastly, the wet diaper bags have roll and clip closure and are perfect for transporting wet diapers, clothes and swimwear. The collection has a range of prices depending on which pieces you purchase.



The Dream Traveller collection.

Finn + Emma's Giraffe Collection

Finn + Emma have released a Safari themed collection of clothes and accessories. All clothes are made from 100% organic cotton and use only non-toxic eco-friendly dyes. The Safari collection includes clothes and toys in elephant, giraffe and zebra designs and limits baby's exposure to harmful chemicals often found in non-organic clothing. Additionally, non-organic fibers contribute to up to 20% of the world's water pollution problems. Head over to Finn + Emma's website to shop the collection!



Some of the items from the Giraffe collection.

Find Out About George & Amal Clooney's First Week as Celebrity Parents





By <u>Marissa Donovan</u>

It's been a week since Amal and <u>George Clooney</u> became parents to twins. The Clooney family of four spend some time in the hospital before welcoming the twins into their house in England. According to sources who spoke with

<u>EOnline.com</u>, George and Amal have hired nurses to help with the twins sleeping schedule for eight weeks. The <u>celebrity</u> <u>couple</u> have also had help from locals in their community. The community members have been guarding photographer from circling around their home. George and Amal have embraced the challenges of being <u>celebrity parents</u> to both their daughter and son.

These celebrity parents no doubt have their hands full with their newborn twins. What are some ways to prepare your relationship for the addition of twins?

Cupid's Advice:

Newborn twins can be overwhelming and can put a strain on your relationship. Here are some tips for helping you stay happy during their arrival:

1. Make a sleeping schedule: Although you might not have at home nurse like the Clooneys, make sure you and your partner work out a sleeping schedule for your children. Reading parenting books can help you strategize how to take turns getting up during the night. Take turns taking naps to avoid being cranky with each other.

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2. Have your parents come over to help: Your parents are probably waiting for you to ask them for help! Spending time with their grandchildren is something they've been looking forward to. Taking them up on an offer or asking for their help will allow for quality time to relax with your partner.

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3. Complement each other parenting abilities: Giving each other compliments can increase the love and trust you have for another. Words can insure that you both still deeply care about each other, despite the stress your twins have been causing. Even a thank you can allow the person to know you value them as a partner and a parent.

Do you have any tips for keeping your relationship strong while having twins? We want to hear about your experiences in the comments!

Parenting Tips to Stay Sane for the Rest of the Summer





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

For your kids, summer vacation is probably one of the most exciting times of the year. They're finally done with school, and they're completely free for the next few months. But for yourself? Well, the summer can end up being a time for boredom and insanity when you're driving yourself crazy trying to entertain both your children and yourself.

Sound familiar? Stress no more! Cupid's here to lend some parenting tips on staying sane with your kids for the rest of summer:

1. Call it a night: This might be one of the most important pieces of parenting advice for the summer. Just because it's summer vacation doesn't mean there are no rules — this isn't an anarchy! Don't be afraid to bring some of the school year routine into summer, like bedtime. Whether you decide to keep

it the same or extend it a half an hour is completely up to you, but at least you will still be able to get some "me time" in at the end of the day.

2. Get them reading: In the digital age, it can be tough to redirect your child's attention from their iPhone to a physical book. Take them to a bookstore or the library and help them pick out a book that they find interesting, and then have an allotted 20-30 minutes a day that's solely dedicated to reading. It will promote reading skills, in addition to having some peace and quiet in your home (just for a bit).

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- 3. Finish a project: Let's face it; every parent has that mental list of things that they'd *love* to complete, but they've just been pushing it off since they've been too busy with their kids. Although you may feel pressured to constantly entertain your children, don't forget to take some time for yourself. Decide on that one thing you've been meaning to do—whether it be re-decorating a room, starting a photo album, or re-organizing your clothes— and get started, giving yourself 15 minutes every day to work on it.
- **4. Divide up the chores:** Keeping the house clean shouldn't be one person's job! Divide up chores between you and your kids by having a "chore board" that changes every day. Reward your children for their good job with whatever works ice cream, a trip to the beach, or a new toy are all great examples.

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5. Get active: It only makes sense to take advantage of the warm weather by getting out there and being active. Spending 30 minutes a day outside doing physical activity can be super beneficial for both you and your kids. If you want, you can decide on a family activity — taking a walk or bike riding — that you can all do together.

What are some of your parenting tips for staying sane this summer? Share your thoughts below.

Parenting Tips: 5 Beach Safety Tips Every Parent Needs to Know





By Steve Kardian

According to the Center for Disease Control, each year about 4,000 people drown in the United States. Drowning kills more children 1-4 years of age than anything else, with the

exception of birth defects. Among children ages one through fourteen, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury or death (after motor vehicle crashes).

Being aware of the risks and learning some life saving techniques will keep you safe at the beach. Here are some parenting tips to keep in mind:

- 1. Your span of control is limited: In the perfect world, every child would have a designated adult supervising them at the beach or pool, but two children is a comfortable number for one adult to supervise. Any more can become overwhelming and increase the risk of something going wrong.
- 2. Drowning doesn't look like drowning: In the movies, when someone is acting out a drowning scene they wave their arms and scream for help. In real life, drowning is, for the most part, a silent act. Once a person goes into distress mode, they are fighting for two things: air and keeping their mouth above water. My first experience witnessing the onset of a drowning occurred at my family pool when I was about ten years My much younger cousin was in two feet of water, bent over at the waist. It looked he was looking at his feet or the bottom of the pool but something didn't seem right. When I lifted his head out of the water, he began vomiting and crying, he had been stuck. In a case I investigated, witnesses reported seeing a young girl bobbing her head up and down in the water. She had drifted from the shallow end of the pool into water above her head (or: the deep end) and was pushing off the floor of the pool to get air because she could not swim. She was saved, but nearly drowned. If something in and around the water doesn't look right, it likely isn't.

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3. Set up by a lifeguard — no lifeguard, no lifeline: Set up your stuff near a lifeguard station so that if you venture into the water with your children there is an extra set of eyes to watch over you and your child. Don't allow this to replace your diligence but rather supplement it. Your child is your first responsibility.

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- 4. Don't get lost in conversation: Going to the beach or pool is a social event. If you're caught up in a conversation, keep your face and your eyes on your child. Mishaps and accidents can occur very quickly and with a mix of children and water, seconds matter. Keep your hands glued to your babies or toddlers at all times. If at the beach, keep an eye out for rouge waves. Chat with the lifeguard in advance about any dangers you should know about. Ankle deep water can quickly become a hazard if you are not paying attention. Outfit your child with bright colored beach wear. Know your limitations and educate yourself on riptides. While you are on child watch duty turn the cell phone off, and keep the iPad or book out of your reach.
- **5. Learn CPR and rescue breathing:** Your local fire, police, recreation department or gym and health club often sponsor certified CPR courses. You will not realize its value until you need it!

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Parenting Tips: Should You Circumcise Your Baby?





By Noelle Downey

There's no doubt about it — parenting can be a minefield. There are so many decisions to make and questions that don't seem to have a clear right answer. While every good parent does everything they can to make sure that their child is safe, happy, and healthy, sometimes even the experts have conflicting parenting tips on the best ways to accomplish

that goal. One of the most hot-button topics when it comes to parenting advice is circumcision. While some experts argue that circumcision has health benefits like decreased risk of urinary tract infections, penile cancer or STI's, others contend that the reduction of the risk is actually so small that it doesn't warrant a corrective procedure, especially for infants who have no say in what some consider to be an invasive surgery. Differing cultural and religious views also tend to influence parents when it comes to whether or not they choose to have their children circumcised. Although circumcision is a medical procedure many take for granted, even some celebrity parents argue against it. Cupid is here with a list of the top five most vocal celebrity protestors of circumcision.

Whether or not you believe circumcision is right for your children, there are plenty of famous parents who say their top parenting tip for their celebrity babies is to avoid the cut altogether!

1. Alicia Silverstone: Alicia Silverstone is a celebrity mom to six-year-old son Bear Blu Jarecki, and she and her husband, Christopher Jarecki, made the personal decision not to circumcise Bear despite the fact that Silverstone had a Jewish upbringing. Silverstone confronted the complicated decision she and her husband made in her book, 'The Kind Mama' and later said that her fans reactions to it touched her deeply. "One [fan] said that 17 years ago she had her son, and she made this choice," Silverstone shared in a celebrity interview with *The Stir*, "and she was crying, because she was

remembering her experience. It was moving to me."

2. Ben Affleck: Ben Affleck, celebrity ex of Jennifer Garner and dad to children Violet, Seraphina, and Samuel, has said in the past that despite some reports from experts that state that being uncircumcised can lead to an increased risk of frequent urinary tract infections, he himself doesn't approve of the practice. He once confessed to Jon Stewart in an interview, "I hate circumcisions! Get enough in me, and I'll tell you how much I hate them!"

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- 3. Russell Crowe: Famed actor and father to two sons, Charles and Tennyson, Russell Crowe took to Twitter to slam circumcision in a series of controversial tweets. The actor steamed, "Circumcision is barbaric and stupid. Who are you to correct nature? Babies are perfect." While many responded negatively to his tweets, citing a lack of sensitivity to the nuanced reasons that many choose to circumcise their children, others firmly supported his declarations, sparking a dramatic social media storm.
- 4. Mario Lopez: On a 2010 episode of this cute star's hit reality TV show, 'Saved By the Baby', Mario Lopez pushed his then-girlfriend (now wife) Courtney Mazza to consider not circumcising their future son, and the discussion quickly got heated for the celebrity couple. "That's not up for discussion," Lopez insisted firmly, "News flash, this is the way all men are born." Lopez and Mazza are now celebrity parents to two children, Gia Francesca Lopez and Dominic Lopez.

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5. Cameron Diaz: It's not just celebrity parents who have their opinions on circumcision. Forty-four year old actress Cameron Diaz has made it clear in the past that if she and her

husband Benji Madden ever have a son, that circumcision will not be for them. She spoke in an interview with *The Stir* about her film 'What to Expect When You're Expecting' and some changes that had to be made to the script to achieve a PG-13 rating, claiming, "they made us cut out a bunch about circumcision. To get a PG-13 rating we had to cut out the actual *description* of circumcision. So apparently it is very uncomfortable for people to hear how it works." Diaz added, "America is the same way about their beef — they just want it delivered in a styrofoam package with saran wrap over it. They don't want to know how it got to you. Same thing with circumcision."

What do you think about the practice of circumcision? Do the alleged health benefits or personal concerns outweigh these celebrity opinions? Or do you think they have a point? Let us know in the comments!