



# 5 Simple Tips

FOR AMAZING PHOTOS!

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Learn and practice these 5 simple tips and your pictures will look 100% better! You can use these tips with any camera that you own.

## **Look for flattering lighting**

Open shade is the easiest way to find nice light. Under a tree or overhang, have your child walk to the very edge, just before they step into the bright light.

## **Use the Rule of Thirds**

Placing your child a little to the left or right can make a more interesting photo.

## **Be aware of the background**

If there are distracting things in the background, you can move or move your subject. Trees and branches can look like they are coming out of your child's head.

## **Change your perspective**

Don't just put the camera in front of your face and shoot. Getting down low with children makes a more intimate photo.

## **Make it fun**

Trying too hard results in tears or bad memories. If you want happy, genuine pictures, then you need to be having fun first!



# Checklist

*Work on one or two of these ideas at a time,  
and before you know it, they will become automatic!*



## **Light**

Is there nice even light on your child's face? No one squinting?



## **Light**

Is it bright enough to take the picture? Because if not, the images can be blurry.



## **Background**

Is there anything distracting behind your children?



## **Background**

Watch out for mergers! Standing in front of a fence, can look as if it is going through your child's head.



## **Perspective**

Are you standing taking the photo? Add variety by getting down low or shooting from above.



## **Perspective**

Do you want them to look little? Photograph from above. Big and strong? Photograph from below.



## **Rule of Thirds**

Is your child smack dab in the middle of the photo? Compose the shot so they are in the left third or the right third.



## **Rule of Thirds**

Keep in mind that thirds go up and down, as well as side to side. Where the two points intersect, is a great place to put the subject of your photo.