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A Timeline  
For Talking  
FROM BABBLES  
TO WORDS  
TO SENTENCES

How to Get  
Two Kids into  
One Bedroom

**SNOOZE  
NEWS**  
WAYS TO  
CREATE A  
NAP ROUTINE  
THAT WORKS

## PRETTY AS A PICTURE

EXPERT TIPS FOR GREAT HOLIDAY PHOTOS

Can You  
Prevent the

### TRY THIS Keep shooting.

"The more you shoot, the greater your chance of getting a great picture," says Jordan Rosner, a professional whose Jordan Elyse Photography ([jordanelyse.com](http://jordanelyse.com)) does custom photo shoots with families. Of course, vary where you stand and what baby's doing.

### ■ To do this right

Buy lots of film or extra memory cards (for a digital camera). Make peace with the fact that you'll throw out or delete many pictures. It's no big deal if you have 22 so-so shots if you have two excellent ones.

■ **Model child** Top of page, Joseph Nelson.

## 2 ways to photograph your toddler

Professional photographer Jordan Rosner has learned that when a toddler realizes that posing for a picture is important, he's likely to get shy or act out. It's critical to make the experience low-key and fun. Try:

**1. A freeze game** If your child is active, take him outside and tell him to run around until he hears "freeze!" When he gets close to you, yell "freeze!" and take the picture of him frozen—he'll often be in a

funny pose and laughing. A camera with automatic focus makes this easier.

### 2. Let him play

Photograph a child tearing open presents or playing with a new toy. Give up on having him look right at you. Keep him occupied so he forgets you're taking his picture and continue shooting as long

as he's not turned away.

■ **Model child** Below, Samuel Johannes.

