

**Harmony:** I know why they're called

tornadoes! **Grandmary:** Why's that?

**Harmony:** Because the first one tore  
everything down and was in ... What's a  
town that ends in "-ado"? **Mom:** El Dorado?  
**Harmony:** Yeah! It was in El Dorado!



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*~June 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Charity:** Do you know why it's called a cherry-limeade? Because it has a cherry and a lime and it's made!



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~June 2016 [Charity: 6 years old]

**Daddy:** At my office building, there are 1000 people who work there! Chase:  
That's more than infinity!



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*~June 2016 [Chase: 3 years old]*

**Harmony:** I'm gonna make a great President. That's something I really want to be. Or the city's like complete ruler. Something like that.



*~June 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Chase** (responding to Harmony's speaking with a childish voice):

Harmy, you're talking 3 and you're 7!



*~July 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old, Chase: 3 years old]*

**Mom:** Okay, Harmony, now that you're sick, you can't share with anyone.



**Harmony:** Don't worry, I never do.

*~July 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

(Chase and Charity suddenly decided Dr. Joey would be holding a birthday party and would be inviting us. This was after several minutes of discussion): Chase: and he will have a cake ★★ with a number 6 on it. Charity: yeah! Cause he's 6! Chase: he's not 6! He's 81! Mommy: I don't think he's 81. Chase: oh you're right. He's 98! Charity: he's not 98!! He would be dead! Chase: You won't die if you're 98. Only when you're 100.



~July 2016 [Charity: 6 years old, Chase: 3 years old]

**Harmony:** I made a new friend at church today! We have a LOT in common: She's loud! Me too!



*~July 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Charity:** Dad, what you want most for us is to not kill people... But killing bad guys is fine... But if we killed, like, actual PEOPLE, that would be reeeeally bad. You'd probably give us like 10 spankings. Or 100.



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*~July 2016 [Charity: 6 years old]*

**Chase** (while all of us are looking around the house for Chase's other shoe): My other shoe is in the basement bathroom in the shower?



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Daddy: It is? Chase: Yes. Daddy (after going all the way down to the basement bathroom): Chase, there was nothing in the basement shower! What made you even suspect it would be there?! Chase: I said "I THINK"!

~July 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]

**Chase:** Do you know why it's called "pizza"? Mom: No. Why is it called that? Chase: Because it has pee in it, and it comes from a pizza tree!



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*~July 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Mom:** (after Harmony wouldn't stop talking about something)



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Harmony, you need to learn when to drop stuff. Charity: I drop stuff all the time! Especially heavy stuff.

*~July 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old, Charity: 6 years old]*

**Charity:** mommy, I'm glad that you married to daddy because he likes to play Pikmin and I like Pikmin, too.

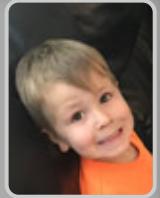


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*~August 2016 [Charity: 6 years old]*

**Chase:** There's geese on the road!

They like to walk on the road and when  
cars try to smash 'em, they fly and  
then walk.



*~August 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]*

(Chase came downstairs while all the other kids are still sleeping) Christine:  
Chase, are you the only one awake?  
Chase: No, Mom, you're awake.

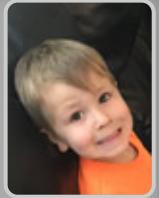


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*~August 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Christine** (after Chase attempts to pull on the top of her swimsuit): Chase you can't pull on my swimsuit. Chase:

That's not your swimsuit, Mommy. Those are your floaties.



*~August 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Mom:** We don't buy waffles very often because it gets syrup on the table.



**Harmony:** ...Says the girl who just bought a box of 42 waffles.

*~August 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Harmony:** Dad, you are getting so tall!  
Pretty soon you won't be able to fit  
through that door!



*~August 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Harmony:** Dad, whenever you make quotes about me, I always walk up to you with a funny face like this. (makes funny face) (Dad dictates this quote into his phone) Harmony: What?! You mean that's ALSO a quote?!



~August 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]

**Harmony:** Dad, why do you look like Andrew? Dad: Like Andrew? Harmony: Your shirt and your pants! They totally look like Andrew! Andrew would SO wear that!



*~August 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Harmony:** How do space people take pictures out in space? There's no internet!



*~August 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Daddy** (after Charity shows off her ability to nearly do the splits): That's great, Charity! Did you learn that in dance class? Charity: Nope, I just figured it out!



~September 2016 [Charity: 6 years old]

**Mommy:** Chase, you need to be more careful! Now that you are four, your punches hurt!

**Chase:** Actually when I'm four, they didn't hurt, but then they started to hurt cuz I ate too many blueberries.



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*~September 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Harmony:** mom, How come whenever  
a house is for sale, there's a sign in the  
yard with the wife's face on it?



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*~September 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Chase:** I have big muscles cuz I ate so many blueberries! **Charity:** No, Chase, blueberries make your muscles go down. That's the only thing I don't like about blueberries.

*~September 2016 [Charity: 6 years old, Chase: 4 years old]*



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Dad: Do you girls know what IHOP stands for? Harmony: One of the letters stands for "House of Pancakes" Dad:



Which letter is that? Charity: The "H" and the "P"!

Dad: Very good! Do you know what the "O" stands for? Harmony: Um... Charity: Uh... Harmony: We don't know. Charity: But I think the "I" just stands for "I".

*~October 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old, Charity: 6 years old]*

**Chase** (calling from inside the bathroom): Guys! I'm going poop! And I'm Chase!



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*~October 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Christine:** Harmony, you have to obey me. Chase: Yeah, because you're the boss. Christine: That's right, Chase. Chase: And 'cuz Dad's not here.



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*~October 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old, Chase: 4 years old]*

**Chase:** this is your house and mom's house because you paid for it and Sarah's grandpa made it in the shop! It took for a long time to make it, like a whole day.



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*~October 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Harmony:** What is this stuff on your sink, Daddy?



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Daddy: I don't know. Mommy sometimes puts stuff on my sink, and I don't know what it is. Harmony: You should write a note on her mirror that says "Mommy, please don't put your stuff on my sink." Daddy: I wouldn't write that. That would be rude. If I were going to write a note on the mirror, I would write "I love you so much, and you are the best wife in the whole wide world!" Harmony: "... But please don't put your stuff on my sink anymore."

~October 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]

**Charity:** Soon I will be 60 years old.  
But not for a very long time.



*~October 2016 [Charity: 6 years old]*



**Harmony:** Mom, when was Tom Sawyer written? Mommy: (check google) 1876. Harmony: Whoa! So not even GrandMary was born yet??



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*~October 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Daddy:** Back in the olden days, do you know what we had to do to make the window go up and down? **Charity:** You had to press a button! **Mommy:** Nope! We didn't have window buttons. **Harmony:** You had to press an auto-button? **Daddy:** Nope! **Charity:** Press a lever? **Mommy:** Nope! **Harmony:** Voice command??!



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*~November 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old, Charity: 6 years old]*

**Chase** (praying): ... and, God, please let Aunt Megan and the baby being safe. Amen" Dad: Thanks, Chase! And just so you know, Aunt Megan's baby is doing great! Chase: Awesome! Every time I pray for him, he bes doing great.



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*~December 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Harmony:** I miss going to IKEA  
and playing on the furniture.



**Charity:** Yeah me too. Especially  
the beds. **Harmony:** ...and the kitchens.

*~December 2016 [Harmony: 7 years old,  
Charity: 6 years old]*

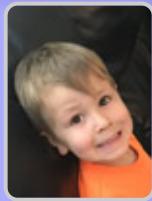
**Chase:** Mom took me out to get a cookie! **Charity:** She did?



**Chase:** Yeah! And the cookie girl gave me TWO cookies so I could eat both!

*~December 2016 [Charity: 6 years old, Chase: 4 years old]*

**Chase** (while playing Ticket to Ride):  
what city is this? Mom: That's Dallas.  
Chase: Oh yeah, Dallas. That's where  
Jesus lives.



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*~December 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Christine:** Chase, I'm glad you're so good about drinking water. Chase: Yeah, it's 'cause it replenishes your hearts!



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*~December 2016 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Dad:** Now that it's Tony's birthday,  
let's all say something we really like  
and appreciate about Tony! Harmony:



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I'm really glad that Tony has changed because  
one time he put me really close to the stairs and  
almost pushed me down the stairs in a box!

*~January 2017 [Tony: 11 years old, Harmony: 7 years  
old]*

**Mimi:** Baby Erick sure enjoyed playing with you, Harmony! Harmony: Yeah, he loves flattering with the ladies.



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*~January 2017 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Harmony:** Mom, when can we have another play date with John? Mom: I'm not sure, Harmony. Harmony: Man, long-distance relationships are hard.



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*~January 2017 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Mommy:** I can eat as many fries as I want because I paid for it. Harmony: Actually dad did. Mommy: Well yeah kinda. It's our money. We're a team. Harmony: Oh right. Dad makes it. You spend it.



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*~January 2017 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Angel:** If mommy is not able to get pregnant, then we'll try to adopt a baby. Do you know what adoption is? **Charity:** It's like getting one from the store?

*~January 2017 [Angel: 12 years old, Charity: 6 years old]*



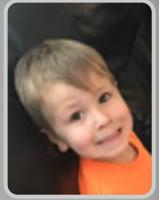
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**Chase** (seeing his breath on a winter day): Dad, I really like cold. Because cold gives you air!



~January 2017 [Chase: 4 years old]

**Dad:** Chase, you're a great kid. Chase:  
Yeah. And I am expensive. Dad: You're  
expensive, huh? How much do you  
cost? Chase: Six dollars and one penny.



*~January 2017 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Daddy:** Chase, don't go in there unless it is an emergency like if somebody got really hurt. Chase: Yeah or if someone's toy got broke!



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*~February 2017 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Harmony** (comes up to dad after he's been sitting down for just 30 seconds of a song at the Daddy Daughter Dance):



Are you done dancing for the night? Daddy:  
No I'm just tired. Need to sit out for a bit.

Harmony: You're REALLY sweaty. You need to take a shower when you get home.

*~February 2017 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

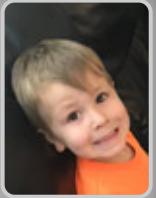
**Mommy:** I'm an extrovert, so I get energy from being around people.  
**Daddy** is an introvert. He gets energy from being alone. **Harmony:** I get energy no matter what!



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*~February 2017 [Harmony: 7 years old]*

**Chase:** Mom, will you get me some ice cream? Mom: Sure! (Gets ice cream)



Chase: Mooooom! That's not a lot of ice cream!! Mom: How about you try, "Thanks, Mom, for getting me ice cream."? Chase: Thanks, Mom, for getting me a LITTLE ice cream.

*~February 2017 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Charity:** Mom, why do you call it pot roast? That's too hard for me to figure out what it is. How about you call it meat?



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*~February 2017 [Charity: 6 years old]*

**Harmony:** Apparently Trump is President now. Angel: Wow Harmony! Where did you learn that? Harmony: My friend Brooklyn told me. Angel: How did Brooklyn find out? Harmony: I don't know. Some show she watches. I always forget the name. Angel: The News? Harmony: Yeah, that's it!



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*~February 2017 [Angel: 12 years old, Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Chase:** There are more McDonald's up in heaven. The heaven McDonald's are the best! They have waffles AND pancakes!



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*~February 2017 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Mommy:** Tony, you're eleven years old! You should know you have to change your underwear every day! Even Chase changes his underwear every day! Chase: It's like I'M eleven!



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*~March 2017 [Tony: 11 years old, Chase: 4 years old]*

**Charity:** Mom, you never get hurt because you drink coffee.



*~March 2017 [Charity: 6 years old]*



**Dad:** Grandpa's new theater is called "Dramatic Impact Theater and Event Center" or "DITEC" for short! Harmony: I don't like "DITEC". It sounds like TECH--like computer tech--for killing people.



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*~March 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Mom:** Tomorrow we need to get up to go to Bible study. Chase: What is the other name for it? Da-Rocket? Mom: Discipleship? Chase: Yeah that's it.



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*~March 2017 [Chase: 4 years old]*

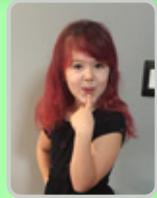
**Charity:** I think they're called Lucky Charms because if you're lucky, you'll get a marshmallow.



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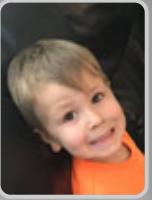
~March 2017 [Charity: 6 years old]

Lady: Harmony your whole family is so talented! Harmony: Yeah, I even sing in the shower!



*~March 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Chase:** I am the toughest because I get the most booboos. That's what makes me the toughest. And Tony gets the most bug bites.



*~April 2017 [Tony: 11 years old, Chase: 4 years old]*

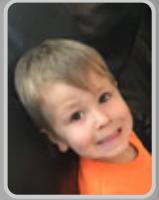
**Mommy:** Your class ends at 6:00. I'm going to run an errand and be right back. If I'm not back here by 6:10, what do you do? Charity: Cry!



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*~April 2017 [Charity: 6 years old]*

**Chase:** Noodles are actually dead worms that turned into noodles.



Mommy: Where did you hear that  
Chase? Chase: From God.

*~April 2017 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Mommy:** When Zelda: Majora's Mask came out, those graphics were cutting edge. **Harmony:** What is "cutting edge"? **Tony:** It means they cut all the edges so everything looks really rectangular.



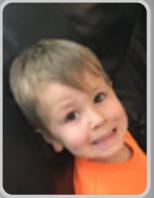
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*~April 2017 [Tony: 11 years old, Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Charity:** Dad, what is this? Dad:

That is my Bluetooth earpiece.

Chase: Oh! I thought it was a blue EAR earpiece!



*~April 2017 [Charity: 6 years old, Chase: 4 years old]*

**Harmony:** Here's how you know if a baby is a boy or girl: Look at their butt.



*~May 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]*



**Daddy:** Wow, Charity, you have  
ANOTHER wiggly tooth?! Charity: Yep!  
I'm a losing teeth maniac!



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~May 2017 [Charity: 6 years old]

**Harmony:** I have a whole bunch  
of friends that I can NAME!



**Angel:** you can name your  
friends? **Harmony:** Most of them!



*~May 2017 [Angel: 12 years old, Harmony: 8  
years old]*

**Harmony:** Hey Sarah! What is your mom's phone number? Sarah: That's none of your business. Harmony: Actually, it is my business. Because what if I needed to call you?



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*~May 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Charity:** How do birds know they are supposed to be together?



**Harmony:** Well, how did Mommy and Daddy know they were supposed to be together? **Charity:** They got married? **Harmony:** Exactly.

*~May 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old, Charity: 6 years old]*

**Harmony:** I just saw this sunscreen that said it "protects you from the sun". What can protect you from the sun?? **Charity:** Sunscreen is probably just made up.



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*~June 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old, Charity: 6 years old]*

**Chase:** You know what? I'm the nicest one in the family! Daddy: Wow, Chase! What makes you so nice? Chase: Because I share my toys with people. You know my fidget spinner? They get to play with it for one minute. Daddy: But what about mommy? Chase: I snuggle with her. And that's really nice.



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*~June 2017 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Daddy:** Harmony, can you please get me some new batteries? Harmony:  
Sure. Double-A? Triple-A? ... or just A?



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*~June 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Chase** (after giving Daddy a Father's Day card): And you can keep it. So when you forget how much I love you, just read it!



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*~June 2017 [Chase: 4 years old]*

**Chase:** How many days until I'm older than Charity? Dad: That would be a LOT of days! Chase: Like maybe 1000!



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*~June 2017 [Charity: 7 years old, Chase: 4 years old]*

**Harmony:** I literally cried, like, a bucket of tears. (turning to Sarah, smugly)  
That's a figure of speech.



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~August 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]

**Chase** (coming into Dad's room):

Dad, how many minutes is a year?

Dad: 525,600 minutes. Chase:



Wow! That's a lot of minutes! (walks away to Charity) Dad said it too fast, but it was THOUSANDS of minutes!

*~August 2017 [Charity: 7 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*

**Charity** and Chase are playing Knight

Squad on the same team against the

computer. Charity (after their team lost):



Woohoo! Chase: We lost. Charity: I know. I was cheering for THEM. You can still cheer for them even though we lost. Chase (frowning): Good game, computer players.

*~August 2017 [Charity: 7 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*

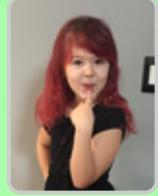
**Harmony:** Do you know who gave us these? **Charity:** Huh? **Harmony:** These (points to popsicle that  Charity is holding). **Charity:** Oh! You should have said "those" because I was holding it.

*~August 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old, Charity: 7 years old]*



**Harmony:** I like to taste my tears!

**Charity:** Me too! They taste like snot!



*~August 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old, Charity: 7 years old]*

**Harmony:** Here, Dad, try these muffins  
I just made. I brought you a cup of  
water and a cup to spit in.



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*~August 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Mom:** Your turn, Chase. What are you thankful for? Chase: I'm thankful that God made you pregnant and you had a baby and you named it Chase!



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~September 2017 [Chase: 5 years old]

**Daddy:** When you grow up, you're gonna be an awesome dad! Chase: Yeah and I won't have any chores! I'll just get to play games!



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*~October 2017 [Chase: 5 years old]*

**Tony:** Wait is it October? What day is it? Christine: It's the 17th. Tony: Wait, so October is on the 18th?



*~October 2017 [Tony: 11 years old]*

**Harmony:** What show are you watching?

Daddy: It's called "24". Harmony: Is everybody in it 24? Daddy: No. 24 is an intense show. Harmony: Is it a soap hopper? Daddy: What is that? Harmony: A soap hopper is a type of show with intense talking.



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*~October 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Harmony:** All my first cousins are literally babies! I'm not just calling them babies. They ARE babies!



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*~October 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Mom:** Grandmary and Grandpa Jim  
are coming to visit? Chase: Grandpa  
Jim? I call him Jimmy.



*~November 2017 [Chase: 5 years old]*

**Chase:** Angel WOULD be pretty but she just has these red dots all over her face and I don't know why they're there!



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*~November 2017 [Angel: 13 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*

**Daddy:** Look at that super-long limo!



**Charity:** Wow! I wonder how much kids do they have!

*~December 2017 [Charity: 7 years old]*

**Chase** (looking excitedly at the back of a cereal box that features an advertisement for the Monopoly and Clue board games): Wow! We could maybe get these IN the cereal! **Charity**: Chase, I don't think these are IN the cereal. **Chase**: I said "maybe".

*~December 2017 [Charity: 7 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*



**Harmony:** Dad, do you know who invented cuss words? Dad: I'm not sure, Harmony. Harmony: Because I think it was kind of a bad idea.



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*~December 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Dad:** What were you doing under there? **Harmony:** Under where? **Dad:** I just made you say "underwear". (both laugh) That's a pretty dumb joke, huh? **Harmony:** No. It's a classic.



*~December 2017 [Harmony: 8 years old]*

(Context: around the dinner table, we discussed how some laws create incentives for people to make less responsible decisions, such as those that give more government money to mothers who choose to remain single than to similar mothers who get married.) Charity: If I got money for being single, I would stay single for two days and then get married.



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*~January 2018 [Charity: 7 years old]*

**Charity:** hey Chase, what do you want to be when you grow up?



**Chase:** An old man.

*~January 2018 [Charity: 7 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*

**Chase** (playing a video game): I can't do that! It's impossible!



Charity: It's not impossible, Chase! If you believe in yourself, you can do it! Chase: Yeah, but I don't want to do it.

*~January 2018 [Charity: 7 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*

**Harmony: "Is Grandpa a millionaire?**

Because he has two buildings, two dogs, lots of food, and a really fancy chandelier."



*~January 2018 [Harmony: 8 years old]*

**Chase:** I'm trying to do a speedrun of watching all the Trolls episodes!



*~February 2018 [Chase: 5 years old]*



**Mom** (after answering a near-endless stream of questions from Harmony):



Okay, Harmony, that's enough. You've met your question quota! Harmony: What does that mean?

*~February 2018 [Harmony: 9 years old]*

**Chase:** There's SO MUCH people in the world! Charity: There's over 100 people to be exact!



*~April 2018 [Charity: 7 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*

**Mom:** If someone drives drunk, they might accidentally kill someone else in a car accident. **Harmony:** But what if they have insurance? **Dad:** No amount of insurance money would make up for losing someone's life. **Harmony:** Yeah.... but a trillion dollars would be nice... very nice...



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*~April 2018 [Harmony: 9 years old]*

**Harmony:** Why are they called "Meter Maids"? What if they're a guy? Would you call them a "Meter Butler"?



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*~April 2018 [Harmony: 9 years old]*

**Harmony:** What were you and Dad whispering about the other day? Mommy: Well, if I wanted you know, I wouldn't have whispered.

**Charity:** I bet she forgot.

*~April 2018 [Harmony: 9 years old, Charity: 7 years old]*



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**Angel:** I still have to brush my hair and put on my acne cream.



**Harmony:** You don't have acne cream.

**Angel:** Yes I do.

**Harmony:** Well it's not working very well.

*~April 2018 [Angel: 13 years old, Harmony: 9 years old]*

**Chase:** Mom, could you check my forehead to see if I'm sick enough to play games?



*~May 2018 [Chase: 5 years old]*

**Chase:** I'm SO glad I'm wearing shoes.

Do you know WHY I'm so glad I'm  
wearing shoes? Because I can reach  
really high to reach the yogurt in the fridge!



*~May 2018 [Chase: 5 years old]*

**Angel** (helping Chase clean his bloody nose): You know why this happened right? It's because you were picking your nose. Chase: Well I pick my nose all the time, and a lot of times this doesn't happen!



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*~May 2018 [Angel: 13 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*

**Angel:** Chase, mom doesn't want you picking your nose. Chase:  
How do you know she said that?!



*~May 2018 [Angel: 13 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*

**Harmony:** I love having my watch and purse and mints. After three days of having these I feel like I have dedicated my life to wearing them! ... Except for the mints.



*~June 2018 [Harmony: 9 years old]*

**Charity** (after stepping on a silverfish):

I'm so glad I'm not a bug. I don't wanna die.



*~June 2018 [Charity: 8 years old]*

**Angel:** Mom! Can you believe we've known this baby for six months??



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**Charity:** It doesn't feel that long to me. I've been sleeping a lot.

*~June 2018 [Angel: 13 years old, Charity: 8 years old]*

**Chase:** Angel, where's dad?



**Angel:** I don't know.

**Chase:** Why not? Are you too lazy to look for him? Is it because you're too famous?

*~June 2018 [Angel: 13 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*

**Harmony:** I have a problem. Now I like BOTH John AND Adam!

**Angel:** Harmony, at 9 years old, you should probably just get to know boys better as friends.

**Harmony:** I DO know them!

**Angel:** You do, huh? Well, what's Adam's favorite color?

**Harmony:** I don't know, but that doesn't even matter.

**Angel:** What kind of food does he like?

**Harmony:** That doesn't matter!

**Angel:** What's his last name?

**Harmony:** That DOESN'T MATTER!

~June 2018 [Angel: 13 years old, Harmony: 9 years old]



**Harmony:** After I finish playing this game, I'm going to watch some more cartoons, and then I'm going to relax.



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*~June 2018 [Harmony: 9 years old]*

**Harmony:** Can I go to that event?



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**Dad:** Probably not.

**Harmony:** So... "Maybe."

**Dad:** Harmony, I want you to assume the answer is "No."

**Harmony:** I know. I'm just saying "Maybe."

*~June 2018 [Harmony: 9 years old]*

**Mom:** Chase, keep your hands to yourself.



**Chase:** My gymnastics teacher tells me to keep my hands to myself when I'm punching people.

**Angel:** Chase, you punch people in your class?!

**Chase:** Actually, my Sunday School teacher tells me to keep my hands to myself when I'm stealing other people's Goldfish.

*~July 2018 [Angel: 13 years old, Chase: 5 years old]*

**Chase:** Mom, you would need SOOO much stuff to build a house! You'd need like TEN boxes of glue!



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*~July 2018 [Chase: 5 years old]*

**Grandpa:** Chase, how are your fingers doing?



**Chase:** They don't hurt anymore! I can wiggle my fingers and make a fist!

**Grandpa:** What if you punched a bad guy in the belly? Would that hurt? ★★

**Chase:** If I punched a bad guy, I would die, because he would kill me!

**Grandpa:** What if the bad guy was just three years old?

**Chase:** If he was just three years old, he wouldn't be a bad guy. He would have to be trained to be a bad guy!

*~July 2018 [Chase: 5 years old]*

**Charity:** So, Chase, would you rather die by being eaten by a baby or a dinosaur? I'd rather get eaten by a dinosaur so the baby doesn't get sick.



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*~July 2018 [Charity: 8 years old, Chase: 6 years old]*

**Chase:** Only Jesus can sleep with his eyes open.



~August 2018 [Chase: 6 years old]



**Chase:** Oh mom! I know why spaghetti sauce is a heavy food! It's 'cause when you hold a jar of spaghetti sauce, it's kinda heavy!



~September 2018 [Chase: 6 years old]

**Harmony:** What do I push after the garage passcode again?



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**Mommy:** It's either enter or pound.

**Harmony:** Pound?

**Mommy:** ...hashtag.

**Harmony:** Oh!

*~September 2018 [Harmony: 9 years old]*

**Daddy:** One of our friends was a sniper in the army!



**Charity:** He's a sniper? I don't want to be near him.

**Tony:** Actually if he's a sniper, you don't want to be far away from him.

*~September 2018 [Tony: 12 years old, Charity: 8 years old]*

**Mom:** Symphony has her first tooth!



**Charity:** She does?!

**Mom:** Yep! She has a tooth on the bottom!     ★★★

**Charity:** HOORAAA--Wait! On her BOTTOM??!!

*~October 2018 [Charity: 8 years old, Symphony: 10 months old]*

**Chase:** The worst cuss word is the F-word.

And I do NOT want to learn how to make the F-word with your pinky!... or maybe it's ring.



**Mom:** You mean the middle finger?

**Chase:** No, the middle finger doesn't cuss. It's either the pinky or the ring finger.

~October 2018 [Chase: 6 years old]

**Charity:** Mom, that street sign says "No outlet". None of those houses have electricity!



*~November 2018 [Charity: 8 years old]*

**Charity:** Harmony says the more stuff you put on your Christmas list, the less greedy you are because it just means you want everything.



*~November 2018 [Harmony: 9 years old,  
Charity: 8 years old]*

**Harmony:** You STILL have more work to do?



**Dad:** I feel like you kids don't think about how much you benefit from all the work I do. You don't think about the fact that you get nice things, and electricity when you want it, and a big comfy house—all because I'm willing to go to work.

**Harmony:** I think about how big our house is every time I lose something and can't find it.

*~December 2018 [Harmony: 9 years old]*

**Tony:** Mustard seeds don't grow into big trees, do they?



**Harmony:** yes they do!!

They get reeeeaaaaally big!!

**Chase:** I think ketchup trees are bigger.

*~January 2019 [Tony: 13 years old, Harmony: 9 years old, Chase: 6 years old]*

**Dad:** Touchdown! Go Chiefs!



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**Harmony:** A touchdown is worth 6 points!

**Dad:** That's right, Harmony! And what can you do immediately after a touchdown?

**Harmony:** Gloat.

*~January 2019 [Harmony: 9 years old]*

**Daddy:** Sometimes people are good at some things and not as good at others. For example, if someone were to hire you to do Scratch work, you would probably do a really good job! But if they hired you to do JavaScript you would probably say "Uh...I don't know how to do that." ★★★



**Harmony:** No, I would take the job and then just type random things.

*~February 2019 [Harmony: 10 years old]*

**Harmony:** Mom, I've decided I want to change out my closet to have only old timey dresses.



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**Mommy:** What do you mean "Old timey dresses"?

**Harmony:** Dresses they wore in the 1980s.

*~February 2019 [Harmony: 10 years old]*

**Chase:** Let's do it on Tuesday, 'cuz  
that's my lucky day.



**Daddy:** Why is Tuesday your lucky day? \*

**Chase:** I have the easiest chores that day.

*~February 2019 [Chase: 6 years old]*

**Mom:** Okay, Harmony, spell  
"METHOD"



**Harmony:** M-E-T-H-H-E-A-D

**Mom:** ...no more internet for you.

*~February 2019 [Harmony: 10 years old]*

**Charity:** When does work give you money? Like every day?



**Daddy:** No, more like every two weeks. ★★★

**Charity:** Every TWO weeks?! I'd be so mad at that work! I'd be like, "I'm working hard!! Give me MONEYYYYY!!!!"

*~February 2019 [Charity: 8 years old]*

**Chase:** My buttcheek is connected to my foot! See? From my butt to my foot, it's just a straight line down my leg!



*~March 2019 [Chase: 6 years old]*

**Charity:** Dad, if Angel is driving then I want to come with you, but if you are driving then I'd rather stay here. It's not that I don't think you're a good driver or that you're going to kill us all or something.



**Angel:** Charity, I'm more likely to kill us all than dad is.

**Charity:** I know!

*~March 2019 [Angel: 14 years old, Charity: 8 years old]*

**Chase:** Oh no! It's Dirt Boss! Well, he's no match for my MOP POWER!!  
(\*squirts mop\*... \*mops floor\*)



~March 2019 [Chase: 6 years old]

**Charity** (after running into the house with her neighbor Sarah): I'm eggausted!... I don't know what "eggausted" means, but people say that when they're running. Phew! I'm EGGAUSTED!



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*~April 2019 [Charity: 8 years old]*

**Angel:** Chase, it's time for you to go to bed.



**Chase:** Can I play games in my head?

**Angel:** Yeah, I guess that's fine.

(One hour later, Chase is still lying in bed staring at the ceiling)

**Angel:** Chase, you were supposed to go to sleep!

**Chase:** I'm playing games in my head! I got to level 160!

*~May 2019 [Angel: 14 years old, Chase: 6 years old]*

**Harmony:** Why can't I get a phone?



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**Daddy:** You can get a phone when  
you're all grown up.

**Harmony:** I'm plenty grown-up! I know what  
politics are!

*~May 2019 [Harmony: 10 years old]*

**Daddy:** I think that girl might have Asperger's.



**Harmony:** What are those? What are "A-word burgers"? ★

*~June 2019 [Harmony: 10 years old]*

**Harmony:** Why does the car say "PLEASE fasten your seatbelt" instead of just "Fasten your seatbelt"?



**Charity:** Maybe it wants to be polite.

**Harmony:** It shouldn't be. You're breaking the law.

~July 2019 [Harmony: 10 years old, Charity: 9 years old]

**Chase** (watching "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" by Cedarmont Kids):  
MOM! They are totally not ACTUALLY  
on the ocean! Know how I can tell? Their  
swords are plastic AND I can see the  
playground!



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*~July 2019 [Chase: 7 years old]*

**Chase:** Do you remember how Mufasa dies in the Lion King movie?



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**Christine:** Yeah, he was run over by wildebeests.

**Chase:** No, he was trying to climb the cliff and Scar knocked him off and he died by fall damage.

~July 2019 [Chase: 7 years old]

**Chase:** Hey, Charity, there was an Andrew that came to our house one time, but not the Andrew with the Switch...Well, he might have had a Switch but the Andrew that we know mostly is the one who stole your Switch.



*~July 2019 [Charity: 9 years old, Chase: 7 years old]*

**Charity:** I cried at Mindy's wedding. I was really happy.



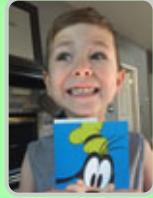
**Christine:** Yeah, it was a great wedding, wasn't it? Because Mindy and Brice honored God in their relationship, they now get to spend the rest of their lives together.



**Charity:** And they get to see each other naked.

*~August 2019 [Charity: 9 years old]*

**Chase:** Dad, why is there a place called Pennsylvania? It makes it sound like it's like raining pens or like there are just pens everywhere!



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*~August 2019 [Chase: 7 years old]*

**Charity** (watching Angel practice sign language): Why are you doing sign language? Are you getting ready to be deaf?



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*~August 2019 [Angel: 14 years old, Charity: 9 years old]*

**Harmony** (watching a movie with a couple kissing): Ewww gross! It's like they're looking for food in each other's mouths!



~September 2019 [Harmony: 10 years old]

**Chase:** What's the best place to go for food if you're poor?



**Dad:** I don't know, Chase.

**Chase:** CHURCH! Their donuts are free!  
And you can even learn about God for free!

*~October 2019 [Chase: 7 years old]*

**Chase:** What is 100 times happy meal?



**Charity:** 100 happy meals.

**Chase:** Good job.

*~November 2019 [Charity: 9 years old, Chase: 7 years old]*

**Chase:** Hey, Tony, will you play chutes and ladders with me?



**Tony:** Chase, that game is like 80% luck ★★ and 20%... Luck.

*~December 2019 [Tony: 13 years old, Chase: 7 years old]*

**Chase:** Mom, you know what I liked best about “A Christmas Story: Live?” I liked that they said the F-Word...but they actually said “fudge.”



*~December 2019 [Chase: 7 years old]*

**Charity** (showing a toy light-up wand):

It has three settings. First, it goes crazy. Then it kind of flashes a bit.

Then it goes crazy again!



*~December 2019 [Charity: 9 years old]*

**Chase:** Harmony is a big fan of Patrick Mahomes. I got a Patrick Mahomes doll for Christmas, and Harmony wanted to buy it from me for \$1.50!



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**Daddy:** Oh, did you sell it to her?

**Chase:** Yeah. But if I had 2 Patrick Mahomes dolls and a soccer ball, I probably wouldn't have sold it, 'cuz then I could make them play soccer together.

*~December 2019 [Harmony: 10 years old, Chase: 7 years old]*

**Chase:** Dad, do serial killers kill people or eat cereal?



~December 2019 [Chase: 7 years old]

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**Dad:** Chase, could you please put this in the mailbox for me?



**Chase:** Well, I don't know how to mail anything, but I do know how to GET mail.

*~March 2020 [Chase: 7 years old]*

**Dad:** I am going to go take a shower.



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**Symphony:** Why you take a shower?

**Dad:** Because I kinda smell bad.

**Symphony (incredulous):** You... pooped?...  
in you panties?

*~April 2020 [Symphony: 2 years 4 months old]*

**Chase:** Now that I'm getting far in math, I'm going to have to use a RULER for math!



*~April 2020 [Chase: 7 years old]*

**Chase** (attempting to open a stubborn salami container): Hard Salami? More like "Hard-to-Open Salami".



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~June 2020 [Chase: 7 years old]

**Chase:** Girls need more haircuts 'cuz they grow hair a lot faster.



~June 2020 [Chase: 7 years old]

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**Charity:** If a twin insults their twin about how they look, they're just insulting themselves.



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~June 2020 [Charity: 10 years old]

**Symphony:** Big girls use binkies for nap time.



*~June 2020 [Symphony: 2 years 6 months old]*

**Chase:** I'm smarter than my dad...



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Well... we know different things. There are some things that I know that he doesn't and there are things that he knows that I don't.

*~August 2020 [Chase: 8 years old]*

(Symphony is wearing a necklace that says “God has a plan for me”)



**Daddy:** Wow! God has a plan for you?!    ★★★

**Symphony:** Yeah! He keeps my teeth clean!

*~September 2020 [Symphony: 2 years 9 months old]*

**Charity:** Harmony, change  
Symphony's diaper!



**Harmony:** No! I don't want to!

**Charity:** If you don't change the baby's diaper, you will not learn when you're older! So when you have kids, you'll be very confused!

~October 2020 [Harmony: 11 years old, Charity: 10 years old, Symphony: 2 years 10 months old]

**Symphony:** Yook, Daddy, it's Santa!

He's got Christmas on himself!

*~October 2020 [Symphony: 2 years 10 months old]*



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**Charity** walks in wearing flowing robes for her Halloween costume.



**Daddy:** Wow! Cool costume!

**Charity:** I'm a goddess!

**Daddy:** Neat! Which goddess are you?

**Charity:** I'm...just a goddess.

*~October 2020 [Charity: 10 years old]*

**Charity:** I feel like 20 minutes is so long, but when i think about it, it's only four 5-minutes.



*~October 2020 [Charity: 10 years old]*

**Symphony** (coming downstairs and seeing the first snow of the year in late October): It's Christmas!! ... but I can't find the presents!



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*~October 2020 [Symphony: 2 years 11 months old]*

**Chase:** I want to go to Silver Dollar City sometime. Because I really like the silver-dollar-sized pancakes here at Big Biscuit.



**Charity:** What if they don't even have pancakes?

**Chase:** Well they're called Silver Dollar City,... so they probably have pancakes.

*~November 2020 [Charity: 10 years old, Chase: 8 years old]*

(While Christine is sick in bed with COVID-19...)

**Symphony:** Mommy, I want you to get out of bed.



**Christine:** I'm feeling tired right now.

**Symphony:** I want you to come out to the kitchen.

**Christine:** What do you want me to do in the kitchen?

**Symphony:** Cook.

*~December 2020 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Symphony:** Jesus yoves me so much!  
But he can't come to my house...  
because he at church.



*~December 2020 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Mom:** I did my make up all fancy today because it's New Year's Eve.



**Charity:** oh I thought you were just tired. ★★

~December 2020 [Charity: 10 years old]

**Symphony: Daddy! My birthday is in  
ONE YEAR!**



*~January 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Symphony:** Daddy, Tony's playing the pinano! He's so professional!



*~March 2021 [Tony: 15 years old, Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Chase** (as if telling a riddle): Hey Dad, what does a giraffe say?



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**Dad:** I don't know, Chase. What DOES a giraffe say?

**Chase** "Get shrecked!" because a giraffe can take out a lion with one back kick! But because they're passive they don't use it that much.

~March 2021 [Chase: 8 years old]

**Symphony:** Mom can I have some coffee?



**Mom:** No, coffee is for grown ups.

**Symphony:** Well then can I watch Veggie Tales? Veggie Tales is for kids!

*~April 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Symphony:** Can i have a drink of your pop?



**Harmony:** Sure! (Symphony takes a big drink from the straw) ... Okay, Symphony, can I have another drink now?

**Symphony:** No... I'm sick.

*~April 2021 [Harmony: 12 years old, Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Harmony:** This morning, Symphony pulled all of my blankets and sheets off my bed while I was sleeping!



**Christine:** Symphony, don't pull off Harmony's blankets while she's trying to sleep. That's mean!

**Symphony:** Well... it's a yittle bit funny...

**Christine:** Okay, yes it is a little bit funny.

*~April 2021 [Harmony: 12 years old, Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Angel:** It's Star Wars Day! "May the 4th be with you!"



**Dad:** I don't think Chase understands that reference.

**Chase:** Yeah, I only know "JULY the 4th be with you."

*~May 2021 [Angel: 16 years old, Chase: 8 years old]*

**Dad:** How was Worlds of Fun?



**Charity:** Worlds of Fun? I only know  
“Lines and Nauseousness.”

*~May 2021 [Charity: 10 years old]*

**Daddy:** Mommy and Daddy love each other.



**Symphony:** Yeah... I love each other too.

*~June 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Angel:** Dad, Chase is most definitely your son. I asked him this morning if he needed help with his sandals, and he said “Yeah, I might, but I should definitely do the parts I can do myself first.”

*~June 2021 [Angel: 16 years old, Chase: 8 years old]*



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**Angel:** Tony, Lainey, and I are about to watch a movie called “Catch the Light”.



Me: Cool, I haven’t heard of that one.

**Angel:** Yeah, well it starts with a Bible verse...so I’m pretty hyped. ??

~June 2021 [Angel: 16 years old, Tony: 15 years old]

**Symphony** (looking at the box art for DC Superhero Girls video game): Wow! This game gots LOTS of trick-or-treaters!



*~June 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Symphony:** I can walk with bare-walking feet! Daddy, did you know that bears walk with bare-walking feet?



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*~July 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Chase:** I haven't had lunch yet, but I think I want to skip lunch so that for dinner I will be hungry enough to eat a whole package of Ramen noodles.



*~July 2021 [Chase: 8 years old]*

**Chase:** It feels like pigs and chickens  
are the main animals we hunt down.



~August 2021 [Chase: 9 years old]

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**Symphony** (at 8am): I got LOTS of school stuff to do today!



**Dad:** Oh you do?

**Symphony:** Yeah! I need to take a nap...  
and... it'll be gametime soon...  
and I do my chores...  
and I'll draw.

**Dad:** Wow, that's a lot of work!

**Symphony.** Yeah, Charity needs me to take a nap and play with me and still be Spider-man.

~August 2021 [Charity: 11 years old, Symphony: 3 years old]

**Symphony:** Daddy! Last night, I had a DREAM!



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**Daddy:** Wow!

**Symphony:** Yeah, it was just a little bit of a dream, and then i woke up.

**Daddy:** What was your dream about?

**Symphony:** Oh... it was just about me.

*~September 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Chase:** Dad, all of our game controllers are lost.



**Dad:** Did you check the left drawer of the entertainment system? Because that's where I put the controllers last night.



**Chase:** No, I was only checking the middle drawer.

*~September 2021 [Chase: 9 years old]*

**Symphony:** Dad! The campfire will start soon!



**Dad:** Wow, really?!

**Symphony:** Yep! And we're also having chocolate  
and marshmallow sandwiches.

**Dad:** Oh chocolate and marshmallow sandwiches? That sounds good.

**Symphony:** Yeah, there's two graham crackers at the bottom, and you can also eat 'em!

*~October 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Symphony:** When i was at Kaori's house, a chicken bit my finger!



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**Dad:** Oh dear!

**Symphony:** And mommy said my finger was a SNACK!

**Dad:** She did?!

**Symphony:** Yeah! But it's not a snack! That's gross!

*~October 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Symphony:** In my dream, there were THREE AMINALS! A bear, a lion and a tiger!



**Dad:** Wow, that sounds like a cool dream!

**Symphony:** No, that was a MEAN dream!

**Dad:** Oh a mean dream.

**Symphony:** Yeah, and they were in a cave. And i was sleeping in their cave, and they will thought that I was for breakfast! Heeheehee!

*~October 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Dad:** Symphony, you need to stop interrupting mommy.



**Symphony:** I just want to talk with you!

**Dad:** I've spent lots of time with you today. Now it's mommy's turn. You can sit here quietly and listen, but mommy will do the talking.

**Symphony:** Yeah. And I'll do the other talking.

*~October 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Symphony** (holding a penny near the Amazon Echo Dot): Alexa, what kind of coin is this?

Amazon Echo Dot: Here's something I found on the web...



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**Symphony** (holding the penny closer to the machine, shouting): No! Alexa, WHAT KIND OF COIN IS THIS?!

*~October 2021 [Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Symphony:** I have a sister named Harmony.



Teacher: Oh, and how old is Harmony?

**Symphony:** Hmm... i'm not sure, but i could give you an uneducated guess.

Teacher: Uneducated huh? What do you mean?

**Symphony:** Oh... that means i haven't learned it yet.

*~October 2021 [Harmony: 12 years old, Symphony: 3 years old]*

**Chase:** The rain is when God spills a cup of water.



**Charity:** Yeah, and the thunder is the angels stomping down the hallway to find the paper towels.

*~November 2021 [Charity: 11 years old, Chase: 9 years old]*

**Symphony:** I love Tony.



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**Angel:** That makes two of us.

**Symphony:** Yeah—wait, WHAT?! Tony doesn't make us! GOD makes us!!

*~November 2021 [Angel: 17 years old, Tony: 15 years old, Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony:** When is my next birthday?



**Mom:** In one year. And my birthday is  
in three months.



**Symphony:** Wait, WHAT?! But you're a  
grownup! Grownups don't have birthdays!!

*~December 2021 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Mom:** Wow! Symphony you are so strong!



**Symphony:** Yeah, it's because I ate broccoli at school yesterday.

*~December 2021 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony:** Daddy guess what! Santa came to my school today!



**Dad:** Wow! Did you get to say "Hi" to him?

**Symphony:** No, I just asked him for presents.

*~December 2021 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

Cashier: Happy New Year!



**Symphony:** What?! "Happy New Year??" I thought it was Monday!



*~December 2021 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Charity:** I need to use the bathroom.



**Symphony:** Oh yeah, me too! (Runs past ★★★ Charity to get to the bathroom) Charity, you can wait your turn.

*~December 2021 [Charity: 11 years old,  
Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony:** When I grow up I want to  
be an astronaut! Then I can fly in a  
spaceship to Heaven and see Jesus!



*~January 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Christine:** Hi Symphony! How was your nap?



**Symphony:** I didn't take a nap!

**Christine:** ...Uh, yes you did. You fell asleep on my chair.

**Symphony:** No, I didn't! I just laid down and closed my eyes and played games. I was awake the whole time!

**Christine:** Well you "laid down and closed your eyes" for a whole hour after the TV was turned off.

*~January 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony** (playing a solo game and announcing everything that happens in real-time): I'm in this freaking elevator, and I don't know how to get out!...Hmm...Oh, wait...it's just a elevator. It's not freaking; I shouldn't say that.



*~January 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony:** I wish i had a little pretend computer that's red and can turn on and has lights and also has magic that can give me a present... yeah, i want a magic one.



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*~February 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Chase:** if you are on the keto diet AND  
the vegan diet, all you can eat are  
avocados and water!



*~February 2022 [Chase: 9 years old]*

**Symphony:** Dad, why is light in the rainbow?



**Dad:** Well, sweetie, it's because God made light to have all the colors of the rainbow in it!

**Symphony:** Yeah, but why is it IN the rainbow?

**Dad:** Well you see—

**Symphony:** I'll sing the rainbow song real quick.

(Sings a song about rainbows)

*~February 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Dad:** Little Mermaid has many great songs in it like "Under the Sea", "Part of that World", "Kiss the Girl"...

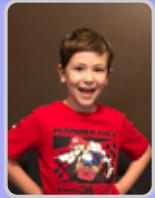


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**Charity:** Yeah, and that one song where she's like (fake crying voice) "Oh my gosh, I want more stuff!!"

*~March 2022 [Charity: 11 years old]*

(After an hour of the kids all playing Minecraft together...)



**Chase:** I'm bored.

**Symphony:** (thinking it's something in the game) Wait, you're bored?! How do you do that? ... I don't know how to be bored.

**Charity:** You must live a really good life.

*~March 2022 [Charity: 11 years old, Chase: 9 years old, Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony:** Sometimes lice is helpful.

They keep the snow out of my hair!

*~March 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*



**Symphony:** I don't cost money. I'm just a kid.



*~March 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*



**Symphony:** Mom, you're allergic to cats, right?

Me: Yes I am.



**Symphony :** Are you allergic to unicorns?

*~April 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony** (playing with an app on her tablet):

It's X-rated! It's X-rated!



**Dad:** What is that you're saying, Symphony?

**Symphony:** It's X-rated!

**Dad:** What does that mean?

**Symphony:** Oh, it's just something doctors do on my game. I X-rated his bones to make him feel better.

*~April 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Charity:** (after reaching the top of a tall hill) Phew! That hill was really steep! Now I know what it's like to climb a mountain!



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*~May 2022 [Charity: 11 years old]*

**Symphony:** Do you know my favorite fruit? My favorite fruit is cherry on blueberries!



**Dad:** Oh that's your favorite fruit?

**Symphony:** Yeah, cherry on blueberries!  
But...I didn't usually try it yet.

*~May 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

TV commercial: Book your next  
birthday party at Incredible Pizza!



**Symphony:** There's a BIRTHDAY PARTY ★★  
at incredible Pizza?!!!

~May 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]

**Symphony:** I wish we could live in a  
NEW house!



**Dad:** A new house? But I like our house!

**Symphony:** Yeah, but this one is our old  
house.

*~May 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony** (at Grandparents' house in Wichita): I'm sleeping here for two nights! But not thirty-six-seven-hundred nights because that would be too much! I might miss our home!



*~May 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony:** I'm trying to crack my knuckles.



**Christine:** I can't crack my knuckles so much anymore.

**Charity:** I feel like you should be able to do it more since you're old.

~May 2022 [Charity: 11 years old, Symphony: 4 years old]

**Mimi:** we gave grandpa a cake for his birthday today! The candles at the top said "21". We did not have candles for "70". We only had candles in the shapes of a one, a two, and a three.



**Jeremy:** well I suppose you could have gotten a little closer with "32".

**Tony:** or "123".

*~May 2022 [Tony: 16 years old]*

**Symphony:** When I go for a checkup,  
the doctor wants to see how big I am,  
how strong I am, how...cool I am... and  
how good I'm doing in school.



~June 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]

**Dad:** When you get married, you could choose to keep your father's last name if you want, but you will probably be excited to take your husband's last name.



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**Charity:** Unless his last name is "Failure".

*~June 2022 [Charity: 12 years old]*

**Symphony:** I was the first baby to come out of mommy's tummy.



**Dad:** What about Angel?

**Symphony:** Angel wasn't born yet. She was still in mommy's tummy.

*~June 2022 [Angel: 17 years old, Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony:** Hi Dad! I'm sorry i forgot to get you a birthday present yesterday.



**Dad:** Oh it's fine.

**Symphony:** So I'll get you a Captain America backpack!

**Dad:** Wow! Thanks!

**Symphony:** It will be for your NEXT birthday.

*~July 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony:** Sometimes there are dreams that are very vivid!



**Charity:** Yes, do you know what "vivid" means?

**Symphony:** It means there's ants on your arm. But it's just a dream though.

~July 2022 [Charity: 12 years old, Symphony: 4 years old]

**Chase:** Negative zero is just zero  
except you say it in a longer way.

*~August 2022 [Chase: 10 years old]*



**Symphony:** I'm not the only one who  
is smart. God and Jesus are smart!



*~September 2022 [Symphony: 4 years  
old]*

**Symphony:** When Grampa and i were playing our [VR Golf] game, we saw a DEAD BODY!



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**Daddy:** Oh no! You did?!

**Symphony:** Yep! (somberly) And in the game...there's no Heaven.

~September 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]

**Symphony:** I'm not gonna change my favorite color anymore. Now my favorite color is... GREEN AND RED FOREVER!!



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~September 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]

**Symphony:** Daddy, grab my finger!



**Dad:** (Grabs Symphony's finger)

**Symphony:** ...How do I fart, Dad?

~October 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]

**Symphony:** When you said you were going to Subsplash, I thought you were going to a WATERSLIDE! ...But it was actually just a computer.



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*~November 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Symphony:** I wish I could go into space, but I can't find any astronaut clothes.



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*~November 2022 [Symphony: 4 years old]*

**Charity:** I wouldn't wanna learn karate cause I'd probably just start hurting everyone around me.



*~December 2022 [Charity: 12 years old]*

**Symphony:** I lost my slinky. It's playing hide and seek and it is making it too hard to find it.



*~December 2022 [Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Symphony** (proudly showing a picture she drew during church of a stick man lying on his side with the number 3 next to him):  
Jesus died in three days!

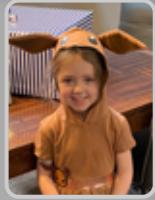


**Daddy:** Oh! Good job, sweetie.

**Symphony:** I worked really hard to make him died.

*~December 2022 [Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Symphony:** You still don't have your job back right?



**Dad:** Well, I'm not trying to get the SAME job. I'm going to get a NEW job. ★

**Symphony:** You'll probably work at Chili's.

*~December 2022 [Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Charity:** When do you think you'll get rid of Symphony's car seat?



**Symphony:** Probly when I'm like 16 or something?

*~December 2022 [Charity: 12 years old, Symphony: 5 years old]*

(After Angel sent Symphony upstairs to change her clothes, she almost went into Chase's room instead of her own room by accident...) ★★



**Symphony** (laughing): I almost went into Chase's room and changed my clothes! I decided not to because Chase has really big clothes!

*~January 2023 [Angel: 18 years old, Chase: 10 years old, Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Symphony:** I wish we worked at McDonald's!



**Dad:** well, maybe you can work at McDonald's when you get bigger!

**Symphony:** I want to be a doctor when I grow up. I wish YOU worked at McDonald's.

*~February 2023 [Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Chase:** Childhood ends when you know where babies come from. So i'm still in my childhood.



*~February 2023 [Chase: 10 years old]*

**Symphony:** Alexa, are you excited about the Mario movie?



Amazon Echo Dot: Sorry. I don't know that.      ★★★

**Symphony (incredulous):** She... she DOESN'T KNOW about the Mario Movie??!!

*~March 2023 [Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Symphony:** Charity, I rate your food a 10 out of 10. And I rate MY food an 11 out of 11!



*~April 2023 [Charity: 12 years old, Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Symphony:** if I could get a dress, that is really pretty, it would make me look so pretty; then everyone will want to try marrying me!



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~April 2023 [Symphony: 5 years old]

**Symphony:** Now I know how TV is made! They told us on Peppa Pig. It's not magic. It's science! But they didn't say how science makes the TVs so I'll have to look that up. But I don't know how to spell "science."



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*~May 2023 [Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Symphony:** I want to buy Charity a pet goose when I grow up.

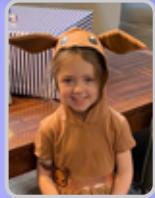


**Dad:** Oh, have you told Charity?

**Symphony** (whispering): No, it's a secret! Don't tell her! When she's 20 and I'm 20, I want to get her a pet goose for her birthday!

~May 2023 [Charity: 12 years old, Symphony: 5 years old]

**Symphony:** I like growing up. But sometimes I miss being a kid because usually I like being able to say cute things.



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*~May 2023 [Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Symphony:** Mom, can you make crab rangoon sometime?



**Christine:** I've actually never made crab rangoon. ★★★

**Symphony:** What?! All you gotta do is make WHITE SAUCE... and put it in the chippy!!

*~June 2023 [Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Symphony:** I wish I had a twin...and I wish my twin was Charity.



*~July 2023 [Charity: 13 years old, Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Chase:** An elder is someone who's like super old and super wise. In real life, an elder is like 60 or any age higher... Or maybe 70 or any age higher.



~September 2023 [Chase: 11 years old]

**Symphony:** That Clock chimed seven times. That means it's 7 o'clock!



**Harmony:** Very good, Symphony!

**Symphony:** But if it chimed 100 times, it would be broken.

*~September 2023 [Harmony: 14 years old, Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Chase:** I don't know what politics are, but I know they have something to do with work or what I'll have to do when I start working. Something like that.



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~September 2023 [Chase: 11 years old]

**Dad:** Symphony, you're getting peanut butter on your shirt.



**Symphony:** It's all right. I've almost outgrown it.



*~October 2023 [Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Symphony:** They're called "fruit snacks" so they're maybe only a tiny bit healthy because they have fruit in them.



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*~November 2023 [Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Tony:** Symphony, when we take communion  
we eat this little cracker and grape juice.  
Would you like to do it with us?



**Symphony:** No!

**Tony:** Why not?

**Symphony:** I'm not hungry right now!

*~November 2023 [Tony: 17 years old, Symphony: 5 years old]*

**Symphony:** I'm not done with my chores yet, but I am close to being closer to being done with them.



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*~December 2023 [Symphony: 6 years old]*

**Symphony:** I love Ground is Lava! We used to play it so much when I was a kid!



*~December 2023 [Symphony: 6 years old]*

**Symphony:** My friend Jade is coming over.

I don't remember how old she is.

Anna (4-year-old cousin): I think she's 5.



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**Symphony:** No, she's way taller than 5. I think she is 11.

Anna: What if someone old was ONE HUNDRED?! That would be a GIANT!

*~December 2023 [Symphony: 6 years old]*

Miles Morales (a character in a Spider-man video game): It's all part of God's plan.



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**Symphony** (incredulously): They know who God is!! If they know who God is, then WHY do they say cuss words??!!

*~January 2024 [Symphony: 6 years old]*

**Chase:** I think they only created cuss words because they wanted to sound cool saying them.



*~February 2024 [Chase: 11 years old]*

**Chase:** Is a French kiss actually how French people kiss?



~March 2024 [Chase: 11 years old]

