



TIPS & TRICKS

Better, Brighter Phone Pictures
of Your Children

THE BASICS



Wouldn't it be great to have a professional photographer follow you around to document your family's big moments? Perhaps that's your worst nightmare....ha!

Either way, it's not economical to hire your own paparazzi. Luckily, most of us carry around a pretty darn good camera in our pockets. A few tips and some practice will have you documenting those everyday moments in no time!

Bonus Tip:

Make sure the lens on the back of your phone is wiped clean. It makes a big difference!

1) **Tricky Business** *Know the iPhone Camera Hacks!*

Access Camera: Swipe your lock screen right to left to access your camera quickly.

Simple Selfies: The shutter is also triggered by the + volume button on the side of the phone OR on your ear-buds, if you have them plugged in.

Set a Timer: The tiny clock in the upper right will allow you to set a desired time, helping keep images sharp by avoiding camera shake.

Focus: Tap the screen where your main subject is to focus. Hold the screen to lock focus.

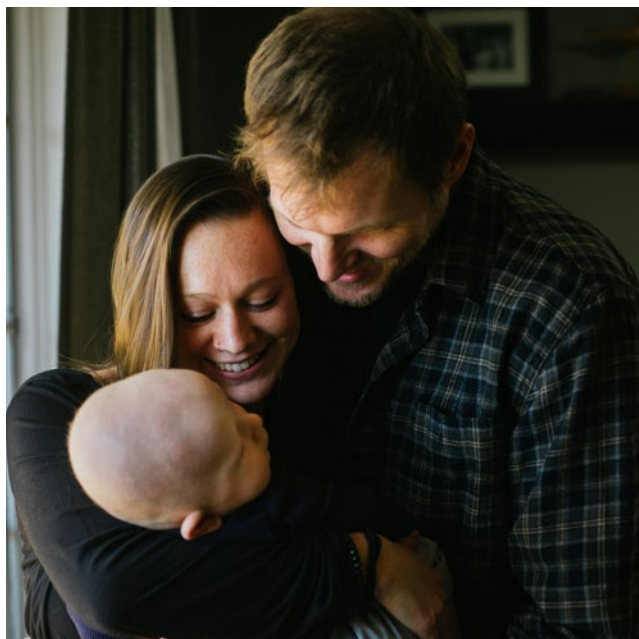
Adjust Exposure: Drag your finger up and down the screen.

2) Just Say No! *(To Flash)*



If at all possible, avoid the flash! Natural light will give your images better contrast and color. And let's not even start on red eye!

If your photos are blurry, more light is needed. The shutter has to slow down to let more light in, thus capturing any motion. Even moving just a few feet closer to a window can make a huge difference. Open up the curtains & blinds and let the light shine!



3) Burst Mode *As Aerosmith Says... "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing"*

By holding down the button, your phone will keep taking pictures as long as you hold it down.

Afterwards, access your photo and click **Select**. You can choose your favorites and delete the rest.

When you see a sweet laugh or moment coming on, don't worry about missing it, use burst mode!

4) Speaking of Sweet Moments...

Strike up a conversation or tickle fight. Ask your child to sing or tell a joke. Have your camera ready to click with the time is right.

Let go of saying, **cheese!** (or cheeseburger, or pizza or whatever delicious food is on your mind!)

Bonus Tip:

If you want your kids to look, they may respond better when the phone is in selfie mode!

5) Homework *It's Painless, I Promise!*

Take time to practice one or all of these tricks! Post your work on Instagram or Facebook, using the hashtag

#EmeraldRueTips

I'm excited to see your photos!

You're on your way

to better pictures of your family, straight from your iPhone! Shoot me an email at jen@emeraldre.com if you have any questions. I'm here to serve you and it's helpful to know how I can serve you better!

*Warm Wishes,
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