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## Weekly connection

# The importance of playing with your kids



By **SCOTT CERNEK**  
Columnist

Recently, I was listening to a guy online who was talking about how important the first three years are in the raising of our children. He mentioned that when we take the easy way out and give our children some kind of electronic device to occupy them, their childhood creativity is basically over. Electronic devices have such a powerful pull on the mind of a child that they give all their attention to the device and they begin to crave devices over natural play. I've seen this in my own grandchildren that whenever my phone begins to play music, they come running with great anticipation that they are going to be entertained and stimulated with something exciting. The guy I was listening to said that those first three years of life are for exploring the world around them and developing their own creativity with the natural things of life that have not been corrupted by tech. He said the most important thing, especially during those first three years of life, are relationships and interactions

that take place between a child and their parents. The amount of play and uninterrupted time together at those young ages is directly related to the degree of security and emotional strength that your child has throughout their life. Those years are foundational, and it is so important that we prioritize time with our children without technology in order to help them explore all the creative juices they have. I thought the things he said were pretty good.

I was blessed with great parents who always included family time, reading, games, play and prayer each and every day. It was a time before there were many electronic devices to draw kids in that was for sure. About all we had were transistor radios and walkie-

talkies. Times were simpler and our parents understood that the important things in life were not related to the almighty dollar and personal pleasure over the training and nurturing of their children. My parents' generation knew how important it was to protect their children from the things that would steal their innocence. They understood how important personal human interaction is when it comes to raising children and providing the stability they need to be emotionally secure and strong. As I look back, we never had a decent TV in the living room, let alone in our bedrooms. We never had anything like a cell phone, an iPad or tablet to transport us out of reality and into a world of illusion.

I grew up with a dad who worked very hard and was out in the fields or doing chores in the barn a lot during the day, but at night he was ours; even though he was tired out, he was ours. We loved to unlace his work shoes when he came through the door for supper at the end of the day. We wrestled,

played games, sat on his lap for a book, and rubbed his back when he lay down on the living room floor to catch a quick rest. My father-in-law was the same way with his family. He worked hard each and every day, sometimes handling three jobs at the same time to pay the bills, but at the end of every day he loved to spend time playing with his kids.

In a perfect world we wouldn't be so preoccupied with our electronic devices, and we sure wouldn't be pushing them on our children. I know it's hard work to interact with your children and help them discover their own abilities and to also discover that there is a God who created them and wants to have a relationship with them instead of a relationship with electronics. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Training involves protecting our children and helping them discover all that God has created them to be.

Until next week, God bless.

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## Slices of life

When my kids were babies, I took lots of photos – always hoping to get the one perfect shot. This was during the prehistoric pre-digital age, when cameras required film and film required developing. You couldn't take a million pictures and preview them on your screen. You had to send them away and pay to have them printed. One by one by one.

Back then, I couldn't tell a megapixel from a winning lottery ticket, but I knew I'd be able to recognize the perfect shot when I saw it. Trouble was, after hundreds of developed photos, I still hadn't seen it.

I burned through scores of 35mm film rolls, peering through the lens and giving thanks for the auto-flash feature. I paid attention to lighting and background. I even went through a black and white phase in the late 1990s and considered

## Picture perfect



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

myself artistic for a month or two.

My babies had trouble cooperating with my photolistic tendencies. They squirmed and blinked and drooled and did the things normal kids do when their mom wants them to sit still and smile. My photos wound up off-center. We were haunted by red eye.

I brought the kids to professional photographers and the results were the same. They looked in the wrong direction. They fussed when we tried to get them to lie on their tummies with their chubby fists tucked under their equally chubby

chins. Despite my acrobatic contortions to amuse, they refused to smile. After half an hour I was sweating and exhausted. Having your baby's photo taken is a workout.

We always left the studio with a few okay pictures, but not the perfect one. I gave thanks when naptime arrived. I was tired.

I continued to try (and try and try), hoping to get the perfect picture to include with our annual Christmas card. Just once. I didn't think it was too much to ask.

Instead, I got photos of my kids scowling and picking their noses. There's one of the three boys on Halloween where one son insisted on doing his silly face. There's the two oldest, on the front porch, where big sister is practically smothering her little brother so all but the top of his head is covered. One son – who was the happiest of

babies – cried wholeheartedly every time we tried to take a group shot with the cousins. We've got a whole series of him bawling. Another son used to smile so big that his eyes shut. That went on for a couple of years. My daughter was a somber baby who hardly ever cracked a grin in front of the camera. At least she wasn't crying.

Somewhere right around baby number four I graduated to a digital camera with the ability to view thousands of pictures without ever having to print any. I figured my shot at the perfect shot increased to even odds.

In the dozen years since, I've taken many photos and have gotten better with practice. I don't have problems with red eye anymore and I learned tricks to increase the odds that

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**• Slices** (Continued from page 4)

everyone is looking toward the camera. I've even taken some pretty good pictures using my phone. Over time, I became less zealous, but I still pursued the one perfect shot – which I never got.

Yesterday, I came upon a pile of old, forgotten photos in the basement and leafed through them. My son, now 19, sat as a baby in his older cousin's lap. He was wailing. Another shot in black and white showed a baby girl, lying in serious contemplation on her daddy's chest. There was one of the kids splashing in a mud puddle, all dirty and wet. Another of the boys carrying dandelions they'd picked for me; the oldest is giving the youngest a piggyback. Their faces are obscured, but their skin is tan with a warm summer

glow and the dandelions are held carefully in tight little fists.

At the time the photos were taken, I saw my daughter and sons doing what they normally did, looking simply like themselves. I was oblivious to their depth and meaning. Now, all these years later, it's right there in front of me.

During the last two decades, I took thousands of photos, always hoping for the perfect shot I never quite managed to get. Now I look back at the photos and realize it's true. I never got the one perfect picture. To the contrary, I got them all.

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