



Having Three Kids

I have three adorable children, yes three. The older two are boy/girl twins and the youngest is a son, they are three years apart. Having three children may bring both more happiness and stress. I would like to share with you my experience of taking care of three kids.

Raising three children means I am constantly running out of time. Sending three kids to school, helping out with their homework and going through other daily tasks are similar to juggling three balls with two hands. This leads to "passive" lazy parenting and the children are given

more responsibilities of their own. For example, the older brother and sister learned to pack their school bags and tidy up their rooms, and the little one is eager to take a shower on his own.

We are constantly in discussion. As simple as when we sit down in a car or at a table, we will discuss where to sit as only two of them can sit next to mommy. We will also discuss what bedtime stories to read, the discussion may take longer than actually reading the story sometimes. On the other hand, the three children will always find company amongst themselves. There is someone to talk to or play with most of the time.



With three kids, the expectation for the older brother and sister are always higher than the youngest in all measures such as academics and behaviour. This is to set an example for the younger one so he learns from his siblings as well, like killing two birds with one stone. For example, the younger brother learns the habit of reading from his older brother and sister, he is glad to be the same as them.

Having three children allows me to explore nature. As parents, we try our best to nurture the children, there is also a part, nature, that comes with the child. Three children make the contrast

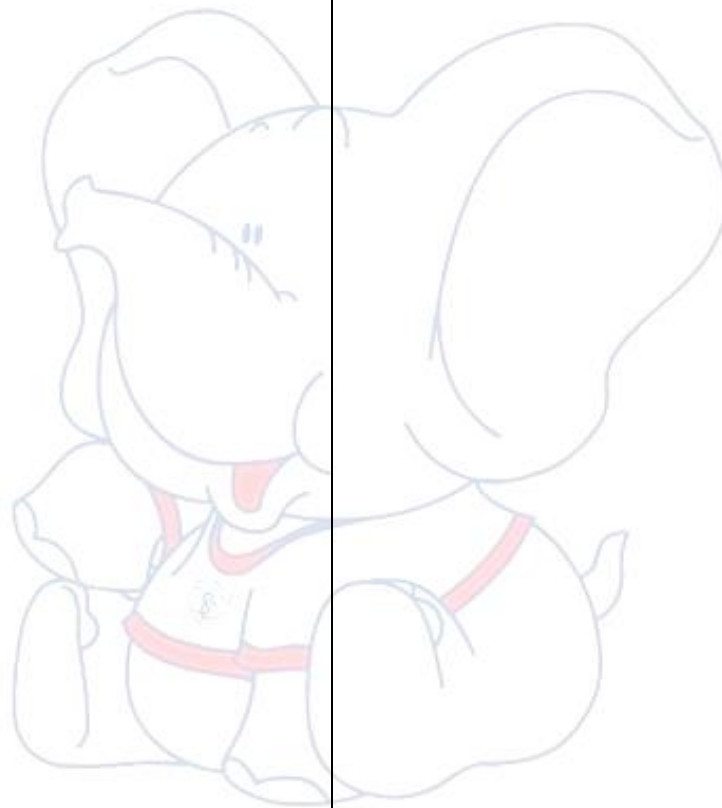
of their characters more obvious and I learn to appreciate their individuality.

Because there are three of them, I often have some help. One of them will bring me a blanket if I fall asleep in the living room. When there is a difference of opinion, I usually have one of them to share my view. There is always one of them to help carry the groceries.

We have some other challenges in day to day life, such as getting a 5 seater taxi, booking a table for five, ordering a five person set dinner and booking a hotel room for five people. No matter how challenging it is to raise the three of them, we love our



family of five which is always full of life
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