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I sincerely appreciated your article. I have a 27 month old daughter, , and we are expecting a son, , in November. I have been struggling with ways to deal with what everyone else would call "normal toddler behavior," i.e. the temper tantrums which seem to only happen at the mall or the grocery store for us, and running off on me when we are outside. She is a very precocious child, full of affection and endless energy.

When we experience one of the above-mentioned moments, I do admit that it is likely a result of her being either tired or over-stimulated (in re: to temper tantrums), and as to the latter, she is under-stimulated from being cooped-up in the house with me all day.

Which brings me to my question/dilemma. I stay at home with - at a cost. We are strapped financially and the consequences are that she and I are often stuck at home when my husband is at work, not always, but often. We live in a apartment complex where we rarely see any other children AND we live in Austin, Texas which is quite, quite hot these days. So she gets very bored. And I feel terrible that she has no toddler companions. Do you have any suggestions to fill her day? We color, read, play basketball, play-doh, she helps me with household stuff.