Tiny Marvels FAQ'S

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1.

Why book a family session?

Did you know that having family photos on your walls can actually boost your child's self esteem? It can also strengthen your family's bond! In my opinion, every season in life is a beautiful one and they all deserve to be captured; the chubby baby years, the chaotic toddler years, the awkward preteen years and the "I'm too cool to smile" teen years. Family photos are a great way to embrace the present moment and have the memories captured for years to come.

2.

Why prioritize candid photography?

I love candid photography for so many reasons. Number one - it takes the pressure off of everyone, parents and children alike. It allows kids to be themselves and have fun. As well, it allows parents to be fully present and in the moment, rather than be focused on making their child force a smile. Candid photography really showcases your family in their true essence; in this time period of their life. I know, I know! You rather your child be smiling then have them sporting their stunned baby look or their forced cheese smile but in a few years when they are no longer making that face, you'll miss it and be glad I captured it. Plus I'm usually able to capture their authentic smiles once they've warmed up or we start playing.

3.

When and what time are family sessions booked?

Family session's typically take place one weekend per month, with occasional availability for week day sessions. Family sessions are best done approximately 30 to 60 minutes before sunset or very early in the morning. Exact time varies based on the time of year. (To know why, see next question.)

Why we only shoot early morning or before sunset?

Good lighting is KEY for any great photograph. It sets the mood and tone and can enhance (or hinder) the overall look. The early morning and late evening sun (also known as Golden Hour) is low and soft. It is the most flattering light for portrait photography. We want to avoid shooting mid day as the sun is high and it can create harsh and unflattering shadows. I know babies and toddlers have schedules and bedtimes, however I can tell you that MOST children are more than okay with a later bedtime when doing something new and exciting, such as being outdoors.

5.

If you offer candid photography, does that mean you wont pose us?

Not exactly! I definitely won't be asking you to "stand here, put your hand here and don't move". I will more so guide you into poses and give you prompts where you can interact with your family. For example: Everyone walk towards me while bumping hips trying to make the other person fall. Kids love this one and it always gives great genuine laughs and interactions. Or with everyone snuggled up on a blanket, I'll ask younger ones to check parents nose or smell their ear - this is another one that makes for some really cute moments.

6.

My toddler wont sit still EVER, how will you take photos of him/her?

I've got you! My favourite part about family sessions is capturing children as they are and that also means capturing them on the move! That said, I have lots of tricks and tons of experience keeping babies and toddlers engaged - not to worry! We just embrace it!

7.

What is the difference between the Family Portrait (selection package) and the Family Portrait (full gallery package)?

The only difference is the amount of photos that you receive in the end. I introduced the full gallery package for those who have a hard time letting go of some of the photographs from their session. I also felt like the more I found my style in candid photography, the more I felt like each image needed to be included as each image lent so much to the story. In both cases, the session itself is the same. The selection package is great for families only wanting a few images or who may have a smaller budget.

8.

What happens if my child cries/is fussy?

Something I like to remind parents of is that their child is human! They have feelings and opinions just like anyone else. My main priority is to listen to those needs and keep them happy and having fun! I have seen tons of children throughout the years and can usually make friends with all their little personalities! Either way, we will embrace what they give us!

9.

Why I ask you NOT to hype up your kids for your family photos?

Ultimately, you know your child best and you know if they need to have time to prepare for a session however sometimes too much prep can put a lot of pressure on them. It's best to focus on the adventure and fun you will have as a family vs prepping them to look at the camera.

10.

Why we wait to choose the location for your session?

I love finding fresh and new locations every year for my clients! Doing this requires me to scout a variety of locations beforehand and these location can change from year to year and even from month to month. Which is why I love checking out the location as close to the session as possible!

11.

Can I bring my dog to our session?

Absolutely! Please be sure to let me know beforehand so I can select a location that allows dogs.

12.

Please inquire about the following:

- Having grandparents and/or other family members present.
- Specific location requests.
- Any other questions you may have.