

Magical photos by



the Christmas tree

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From the music, to the spirit of giving, the food and the beautiful lights, there is so much to love and appreciate about the holidays. During a time of year when it is dark early, Christmas lights provide the light we crave. They are also a perfect opportunity to photograph children enjoying the magic of Christmas long after the sun has gone down. Photographing busy Children can be tricky, let alone when you're doing it in low light.

Turn off all lights except for the Christmas tree.

When it's dark early, it might seem like you need to turn on all the lights to make up for the lack of light. But, you want the Christmas tree to shine and be the only light source.

Make it fun for the Children

The key to magical photos. Whether it's eating a candy cane by the tree, singing Christmas Carols loudly, or even reading a favorite story, make it more about the fun and less about taking pictures. Children love to play I-Spy with the ornaments. It's a fun way to get them looking around the tree, keeping that light on their faces.

Experiment with techniques and shoot from different angles.

Get the obvious shot of everyone looking up at the tree but, play around with different angles. Stand on a chair to shoot from above. Sneak behind the tree to capture the light on their faces, with the tree only a little bit in it. Wait for your Children to move around the tree so they are on the side of the tree instead of between you and the tree.

Play around with different techniques. Free lensing creates gorgeous bokeh with the tree lights. You could also try shooting through something, like special Christmas 3D glasses.

Get in the frame, too.

The Christmas tree provides a great opportunity for you to jump in the frame. Keep the Children all snuggled up with you for a few self-portraits. Hand the camera off to your partner, or use a tripod.

Photograph the tree during the day

Keep your lights on all the time to soak up the Christmas season. As the Children play, having the tree in the background adds a bit of sparkle while helping tell the story of your holiday season.

Have fun with it and capture the magic that is the holiday season. Love the creative opportunity to capture the Children when the evenings are dark early.

How to photograph Christmas lights in daytime

The camera set up

use a tripod with camera settings as follows:

- ISO: 100
- Aperture (f-stop): 1.8
- Shutter Speed: 1/30
- Turn your DSLR on Manual mode
- scroll through the settings on the back of your camera and see if you can get them as close to these settings as possible. If you have good daylight inside your house, these settings should produce a fairly decent photo. Very important: *TURN OFF YOUR FLASH!!* Always find the best light in your home
- If you are shooting a shutter speed lower than 1/60 you need to be on a tripod or have a VERY steady hand or things will get blurry fast.

If you are using the stock lens that came with your camera your aperture (or f-stop) might only go down to 3.5-4.5. To get that amazing background blur, depending on your lighting, you'll need to raise your ISO up to 300 or 400 to compensate for the aperture.

The room setup

Sit the baby in a Secure seat covered with a pretty Christmas fabric focus on their eyes and get the shot. please don't leave your baby sitting alone in a seat on a table top! Since the Christmas tree is across the room behind the child the depth of field is far. have the child facing the window so the light is reflecting in their eyes and lighting up their face.

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