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Kids are completely unpredictable. They can be so adorable and easy going and laughing uncontrollably one minute, and the next minute, turn that charm off completely. They will typically smile for you all day long until you put them in front of a camera, then they will freeze up like a deer in headlights. We want to avoid the gritted teeth and bug-eyed forced smiles during our session.



HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO:

1. Make a list of things that your child thinks are funny and send it to us prior to the session. This way, we can be prepared and add these things into our bag of tricks.
2. Give us a list of icebreakers for your child. Tell us the kinds of shows they watch, music they listen to, friends' names, favorite story, etc. This will give us something to talk to them about and will help them forget they are in front of a camera.
3. Practice phrases at home to see which ones evoke the best smiles from your child. (*Please, oh please, avoid "Say cheese!" unless that really works for him/her.*)
4. Try out a couple of jokes with them. During the session, we can ask them to tell us a joke and this will typically loosen them up as they tell it to us.
5. If there is a song that your child loves, load it up to your phone and bring it along with you or be prepared to sing to them during the session.