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On his third birthday in August Billy became Spiderman. However, as fun as it was to sling webs and reveal his age at the same time, nothing could have prepared us for the obsession he would have once Sarah made a Peter Pan hat a month ago. Ever since the hat was made, it has not been far from Billy. Every day he demands to be read the Peter Pan story from the book you see on the couch. We have had to limit our reading to once a day. Multiple times a day he attacks Sarah saying, "You be Wendy sleeping On the couch and I'll be Peter Pan." They have Rehearsed the nursery scene so many times Every one has it memorized. If he's not Peter Pan he's Captain Hook or one of the Lost Boys. Interestingly, Cory was also stuck in Peter Pan Mode when he was three. The red dots you see On his cheek are the remains of a mild case of Chicken pox he had for a few weeks. At first we Thought they were mosquito bites until we found them in other places...



What more could a 7 year old boy want than beautiful Indonesian friends and lots of Star Wars Legos? Don't be misled by the pictures, Cory still struggles with controlling his emotions, but to a lesser degree than before. A book called "The Explosive Child" describes him to a "T" – an intelligent boy with a "problem solving skills deficit." It has been helpful. Right now his favorite pastimes are drawing and sword making.



Lydia is entertained by simple things like braiding grass and watching the ladybug crawl on the piece of paper in her hand in the picture to the left. She continues to be a faithful friend to Cory and overcompensates his fears and anxieties by being extra bold and fearless. We made a soccer ball piñata for Billy's birthday and the lower picture shows Lydia taking a crack at it. However, don't be fooled by her tom-boyish behaviors. She loves ponies and stuffed animals, wearing dresses, letting her hair grow long and shopping for shoes. When Luke recently took her shopping for shoes she proved her femininity by going directly to the most expensive pair of shoes and saying, "I want these ones." Although he made her try on all the cheaper pairs, she was not satisfied until they left the store with her box of flashing Mini Mouse tennis shoes. Sheesh!

