

# Extra Steps

Humorous monologue by Samuel Stokes

After becoming a parent, relatively simple tasks will now take many more steps to accomplish.

Before children, you might be sitting on the couch, having some popcorn, and watching TV, when you realize that you need to use the bathroom. Therefore, you get up and you go to the bathroom.

After having children, you might be sitting on the couch, having some popcorn, and watching TV, when you realize that you need to use the restroom. Therefore, you get up and put your drink and remote control on a high shelf so the baby won't knock them down, put the popcorn bowl on the kitchen table so the baby won't choke on the popcorn, make sure the baby has a fresh bottle to keep her occupied while you are gone, walk to the bathroom, trip over a toy on the way, pick up the toy and take it to the toy box, find several clothing items on the floor, take them to the laundry, hear the noise of the baby pulling books off the shelf, come back to the living room, pick up all the books, put them neatly back on the shelf, and sit down to relax and continue watching your program.

See how many extra steps that was? And you completely forgot to go to the bathroom.