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Small Business Saturday

Shop local! Shop handmade! Shop small businesses!

That was the theme yesterday!

Earlier this week, [Elliott's First Christmas](#) ornament arrived in the mail. I ordered it from [Amy Miller Designs](#) on Etsy- not local, but handmade, and a small business. I couldn't be more delighted. I feel like it commemorates both his first Christmas (on the 25th) and his first birthday (on the 26th).



Yesterday was the big adventure. We hopped on the [Holiday Shopper's Train](#), thanks to [tickets I won](#) recently. Elliott's first train ride! He LOVED it! Mostly, I think he liked looking out the window without being in a car seat. He squealed most the way there. The short train ride went from one nearby town to the courthouse square of our own town.

HI.



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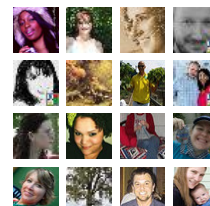
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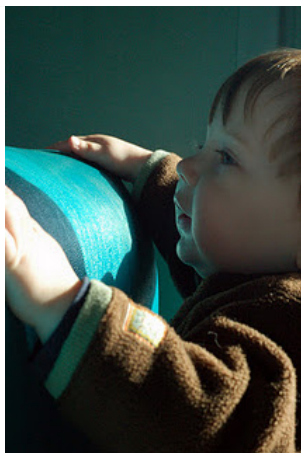


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We got to the [Noblesville square](#) and made a beeline for a restaurant we like- [Courtney's Kitchen](#)- conveniently right next to where the train dropped us off. After breakfast, we just meandered in and out of shops with craft and antiques, mostly. Elliott's favorite store was [The Wild](#), a children's book and toy store. Amazing. He played with the train table in the back (*spoiler: he's getting trains for Christmas*) while I looked at everything and resisted buying the entire store.



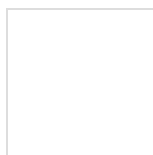
The local visitor's organization had free hot chocolate & visits with Santa going on in their office. Though the hot chocolate was unnecessary- it was as beautiful & warm a day we could hope for at the end of November- we stopped by. I wanted to try to get a Santa picture. Turns out, we got the classic baby-and-Santa picture. By "classic", I mean, he was terrified of the large, strange man. I'll admit, I laughed.



We ended the jaunt with a trip to [Alexander's](#) for ice cream and a train ride back to our car. Such a nice day!

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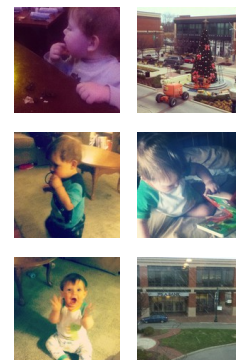
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