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# Vermont Teddy Bear Factory

On Tuesday, June 30th, we took a pretty drive about 2 hours north of our house in Vermont. We drove to Shelbourne, VT, home to the Famous Vermont Teddy Bear Factory.

The girls were so excited to make their own teddy bears. They got to choose from over a dozen colors of bears. Savannah and Miranda picked red bears. Maryssa picked a pink bear. Amanda picked the cutest bear. It is a cute green dinosaur teddy bear.

They got to put a special heart inside their bears, then flll them with stuffing and there was a helper there to do the final stitching of the bear. They got to cut the "umbilical cord" which was the thread closing up the bear. The girls each received a birth certificate for their bear. It was so cute.

Then we all got a tour of Factory and learned how they make Teddy Bears, the history of the teddy bear and all of the different and interesting things that we had no idea about Teddy Bears.

We got some great pictures too. Then we drove off just when it started sprinkling. About 15 minutes into our drive, we saw super dark clouds and then drove right into a thunder and lightening storm. The storm was right above our car. The girls were amazed and intrigued by the thunder followed by a flash of lightening. We drove the whole 2 hours through the storm.

When we were driving into our neighborhood, it looked like the whole place was ambushed. Trees were uprooted and it was a mess. Turns out while we were having a blast at the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, a category Narly Ass Storm hit our town and blew it all up. The electricity had been out for about an hour.

I have to admit I was happy to know that I was not home when that all happened. I just cringe at the thought of entertaining our 4 girls with no electricity in a huge storm.

We had locked our front screen door and locked our front door and the only other way to get in the house was through the garage door with an ELECTRIC OPENENER. We couldn't open up the garage door so we were basically locked out of our house.

We were about to high tail it out of there and Cliff managed to slip his hand through the screen and unlock the door. See, I knew husband are good for something!! LOL!! :-)

I lit a bunch of candles and then walked the girls upstairs. We got pajamas on and I got them all in bed. The electricity finally went on.

Good times in New England for sure!!

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