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MUSEUM-GOING WITH KIDS



Spending time with children in New York City's museums has become easier—and much more fun—thanks to a great company called Art Smart Adventures. Its engaging founder, Judith Shupe Walsh, runs after-school classes for New York kids and plans customized family and kids-only outings. On a recent tour of MoMA, she turned my six-year-old daughter and a friend's seven-year-old son into miniexperts on Picasso and Matisse. Walsh introduced them to differences in the artists' styles by reading aloud a book titled *When Pigasso*

Met Mootisse. Then the children set off on a hunt through the galleries. "That must be Picasso," one cried. "He loved bulls." "And that's a Matisse," the other said. "You can tell by his favorite color, blue." Okay, the observations weren't always profound, but the kids loved studying the paintings. Walsh, who has two graduate degrees in art history, ended our two-hour class in a corner, where the children drew. No wonder some of the city's top concierges send guests her way: happy kids equal happy families. *From \$300. 212-595-4444; artsmart.com. ~M.B.B.*