





OUR STORY!

Hello! We are Jordan and Alissa! Thank you for taking the time to read our story and learn about us as prospective parents and about our family! For almost a year, our mutual friends tried to introduce us. After many failed attempts, we bumped into each other when Jordan came into Great Harvest Bakery, where Alissa was working. One of our mutual friends happened to be at the bakery and finally introduced us. We always joke about how crazy it is that we coincidentally found each other. We went on our first date four days later! After three months of dating, we got engaged, and nine months later we were married, in May of 2013. We knew right away that we wanted to have children. We have two kids from Jordan's previous marriage, and we want nothing more than to grow our family. After many years of trying to have more children, and not being successful, we felt we needed to turn to adoption. We welcomed a baby boy through adoption April 2019, and are now hoping to become parents again.

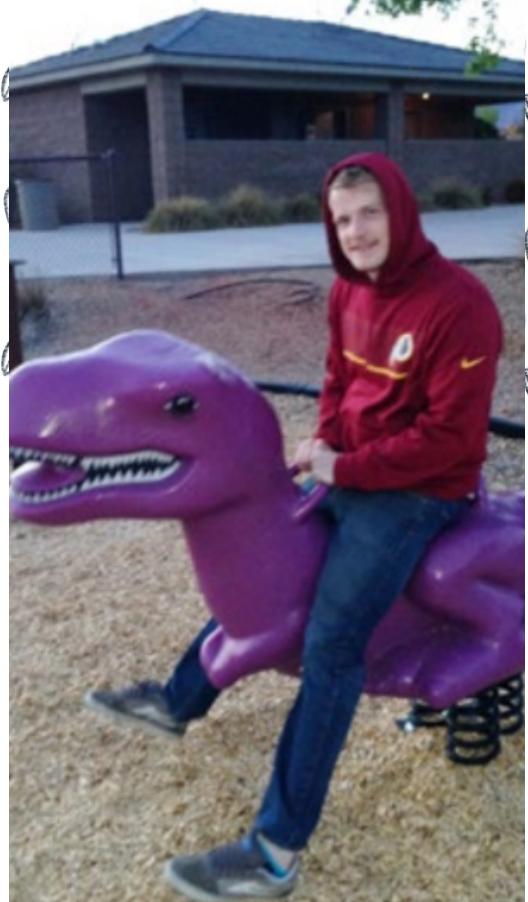






ABOUT JORDAN BY: ALISSA

There are many reasons why I fell in love with Jordan, but one main reason was watching him be a wonderful father! When we started dating, Jordan was a single parent, I had NO IDEA how much work that was, and he did it selflessly. Jordan has always put others before himself and makes sure their needs are fulfilled. Jordan has a unique ability to read people and situations. He picks up on their emotions and knows how to respond appropriately and empathetically. Jordan is our go-to guy when we are in a crisis or having a down day. He will encourage our family and remind us all that we matter and our feelings are important. Our kids always turn to Jordan when they are having a problem and need some comfort. I love watching him validate their feelings while being a great example for them. There is never a dull day with Jordan. He is always working on his next big idea! He has a contagious work ethic and inspires me to be my best self. Not a day goes by that he doesn't have me laughing. Whether it's a quick text with a funny picture or a random joke of the day, he is always making those around him happy!



ABOUT ALISSA BY: JORDAN



When I first met Alissa, as a single dad, I remember thinking, "Yeah, this girl is way out of my league." As our courtship continued and we got to know each other more, that thought never went away! She continued to awe me in the way that she interacted with those around her. She is amazing! When we were dating, and even as newlyweds, the thing that always floored me the most was the ease at which Alissa assumed the mantle of motherhood. She didn't require any time to grow into her role as a mother; she merely jumped in with no hesitation! Alissa is the foundation of our family and the driving force that makes our family run smoothly. As an expectant mother, I can only try to imagine the choice in front of you. The main point I want to get across about Alissa is she is without a doubt a "Mom". She will love your baby, and she will see to his or her every need. I have watched her do this for our three children and I know we both have more love to give!





OUR FAMILY!

We are the first to admit, that we were both spoiled growing up! As the youngest in both of our families, Jordan and I both contend that we had the best childhood, but we have agreed to disagree. We were both able to witness our parents raise each one of our siblings and how they handled many different types of personalities. We were both raised with a lot of love, compassion, and were taught how to work hard while enjoying life's simple pleasures. Our extended families are a big part of our lives. Jordan has 179 cousins, on one side of his family, that we see frequently! Alissa, being the baby of the family, became the designated babysitter for her nieces and nephews. It was always a job that she loved, and because of it, she is extremely close to each one of them. We live close to both of our parents and enjoy weekly dinners with them. We also spend a lot of time with cousins - fishing, hiking, and enjoying family vacations. Both of our families do everything BIG; Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays, even summer is one long holiday! The more time we can spend with family, the better, it doesn't matter what we are doing, as long as we are together.



OUR HOME!

We bought a new home in March of 2020. Its out in the country around the corner from Jordan's parents! We finished the basement and made a big family room, play room under the stairs, and more space or our growing family. We've got a big yard that we are working on finishing this summer and are so excited to have family get togethers and BBQs here! Our new neighbors have been incredible. They've warmly welcomed us and we've spent endless nights on our porches talking while our kids play in the dirt and ride bikes around the new neighborhood! Our community has also been very welcoming. It's a very small country town that's very inclusive, has lots of events at the town square and supports each other through service! We've loved living here and can't wait to continue raising our family here.





OUR TRADITIONS!

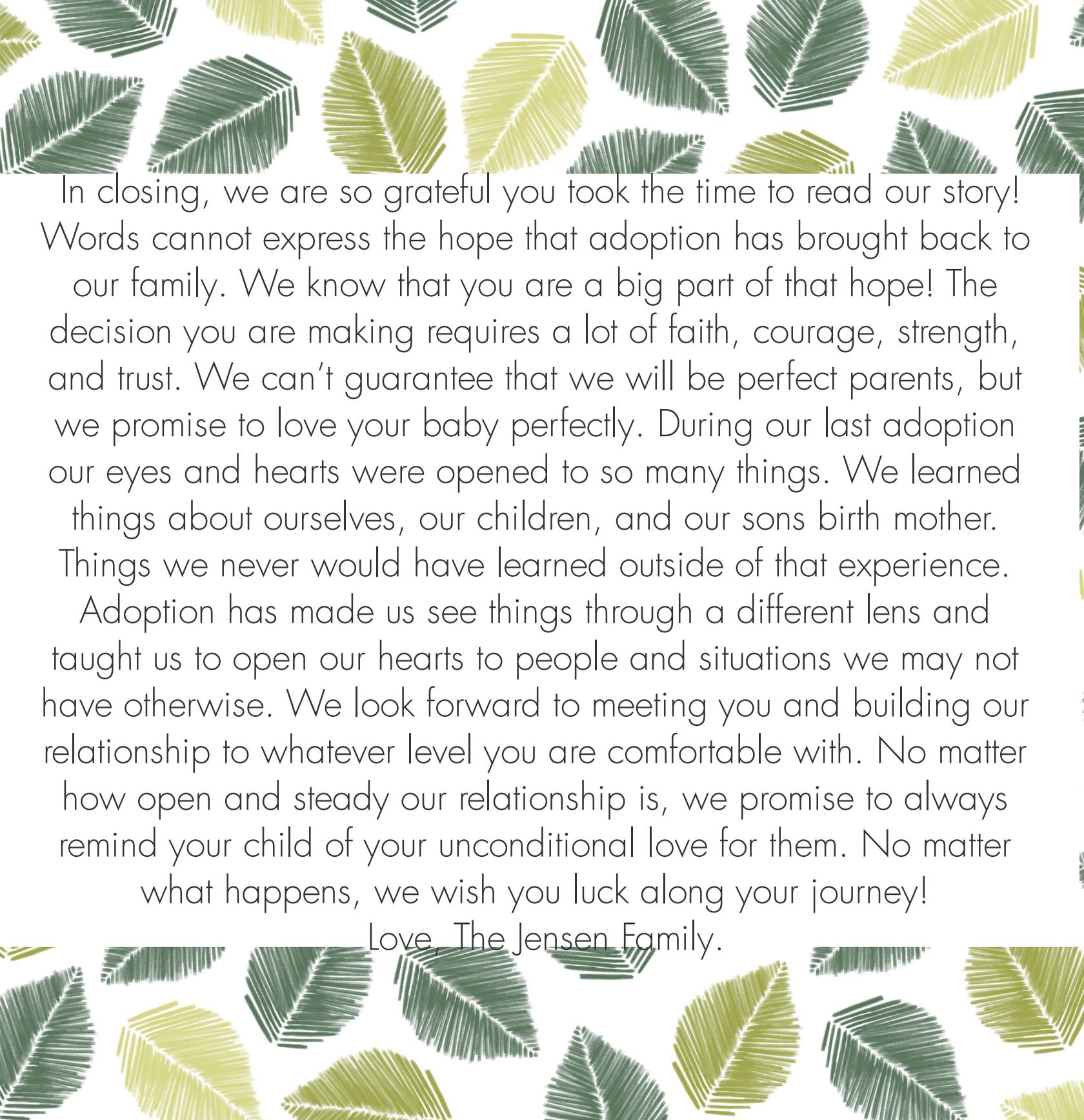


Growing up, we both looked forward to the holidays, and now it's even more exciting to watch our children experience the magic! Our favorite Spring tradition is Easter! Jordan's Grandma has a special Easter egg hunt the night before, where all the grandkids, great-grandkids, AND great-great-grandkids come with a flashlight to search for eggs hidden on her property! It's a family reunion but with better food. Our favorite Summer happens on the 4th of July! No matter where we end up going, it is always a party! Alissa's family has carried on the tradition of making homemade ice cream and having Grandpa's smoked BBQ. The staples of Jordan's family traditions are the parade and the city carnival, followed by a DIY waterpark in his parents' backyard.



For Fall, we get into Halloween! This tradition we have created on our own. Alissa has a small obsession with ghosts, ghouls, and witches. Seriously we have more Halloween decorations than Christmas decorations, and we have a *lot* of Christmas decorations! Our favorite Winter tradition is centered around Christmas! Alissa's grandmother hosts a Christmas Eve party where we gather at her home to play games, enjoy delicious food, and exchange gifts. At eighty-two years old, grandma still wraps dozens of matching pajamas for all of the grandkids to open and wear on that night.



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In closing, we are so grateful you took the time to read our story! Words cannot express the hope that adoption has brought back to our family. We know that you are a big part of that hope! The decision you are making requires a lot of faith, courage, strength, and trust. We can't guarantee that we will be perfect parents, but we promise to love your baby perfectly. During our last adoption our eyes and hearts were opened to so many things. We learned things about ourselves, our children, and our sons birth mother. Things we never would have learned outside of that experience.

Adoption has made us see things through a different lens and taught us to open our hearts to people and situations we may not have otherwise. We look forward to meeting you and building our relationship to whatever level you are comfortable with. No matter how open and steady our relationship is, we promise to always remind your child of your unconditional love for them. No matter what happens, we wish you luck along your journey!

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