

Hello we are...

Nick & Lisa



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

Our hopes and dreams are to live life to the fullest and that our children will do the same. We hope that we can raise kind, humble, gentle, forgiving children that have a servant's heart. We have been so blessed and we hope that our children will know just how blessed we are and want to share those blessings in life.

Adoption has always been a dream of both of ours, even before we were married. Lisa has always loved children and wanted to have her own as well as adopt. Nick was adopted at birth and has been able to see what a difference it has made in his life. Since childhood he has always said that he hoped he could have the chance to make a difference in another child's life by adopting.

We have two biological children, however, we're choosing to grow our family through adoption. Although this child will be adopted, for us there is no difference. We are going to love your child just the same, with all the love in our hearts and the opportunity to flourish to be the best they can be. We also know that with Nick being adopted it will create a special bond between him and the child.

We feel as though the decision you're making is one of the most selfless decisions anyone can make and we want you to feel as confident and comfortable in your decision as possible. Your child is going to be loved unconditionally, provided for, and given the chance to grow and learn and reach their wildest dreams. We hope that you will be a part of your child's life so that you will know and have a relationship with each other.

For now,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Love - This is the greatest value of them all because if love comes first, the rest will take care of themselves. We believe that as Christ loves us we are to love others and show compassion to all. Through different ministries at church, we are able to show this love to those in our community. These ministries include helping the homeless, providing for children both in our own country as well as in other countries, and being involved in local charities.

Hard Work - We are both very hard-working people and know the value of work. We hope to instill this dedication in our children as well so they know how to earn their way in life. This value will help them to be independent adults and proud of themselves. To help our children learn this, we think it is very important that they are given age-appropriate responsibilities. This can be as simple as brushing their teeth and getting dressed in the morning to then having chores when they get older.



Faith - Faith is what drives us through each decision we make. It is also what helps us through the difficult times in life and is what makes us thankful for the good times. We hope that our children will have the same desire in their hearts to live out their faith. Nick and I are dedicated to our church and are involved there on a weekly basis. Nick serves on the men's ministry and I am the nursery director and an adult Sunday school teacher. Our children come with us every Sunday and when possible, we involve them in different ministries such as feeding the homeless or helping out at a church event.



Honesty - Honesty is something that no one can take from you. As adults, most of your character is based on trust and we want our children to be honest people that others trust. Nick and I do our very best to always be honest with our children given their age and the situation. This will hold true with our adopted child as they learn about their birth family and for them to know how blessed we are to have them as a part of our family.

Kindness - It can be easy to teach a child to be smart but teaching a child to be kind can change the world. We want our children to be the kids that go out of their way to be nice to others. In life, everyone has times when all that is needed is kindness and if we are lucky enough to receive it, it can make all the difference in the world. Nick and I randomly do nice things for each other as husband and wife both to show the other how much we love and care about them but also to teach our children how to be kind to someone. We will teach them to be kind to each other as well as all those they meet.



Learning - Learning will allow our children to discover what interests them. We want our children to have a passion for what they do and learning is where that starts. As a teacher, Lisa is a lifelong learner. Lisa is always going to extra training and professional development sessions so that she can be the best teacher she can be. Nick has to stay informed at work on the best new technology that is out there, costs of goods and services, and how to be a leader in the work place. Our hope is that by our children seeing us continue to value learning it will make them value it as well. School will always be a priority so that they will see just how important it is.

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Our home...

We live in a little more of a rural area so it is pretty quiet with not too much traffic but instead a lot of nature. There are lots of houses close by and there are kids of the same ages that will go to school with ours and hopefully become friends to play with. The area we live in is a great place for children because they have a lot of safe area to play and run but we are close to libraries, museums, amusement parks, pools, bowling and a trampoline park.

We live on three acres with a pond and a big backyard with a play area for the kids. The play area has a swing set, slide, sandbox, small inflatable pool, and lots of toys! The pond allows us to take nature walks looking for different plants, flowers, and animals. We love to go fishing in the pond and so do the kids. We can see Nick's parents' house from ours and they also have lots of room outside for the kids to play. The kids help feed the birds, squirrels, goats, and cats. They also help tend to the gardens and love to plant new flowers.

We like to have cookouts with family and friends. We have a back patio where we love to sit and lookout over the pond. We spend time outside whenever the weather is good. We both grew up playing outside with our friends and treasure those memories. We hope to encourage our children to create some of these same memories.

We have an open concept living space with a playroom. This allows all of us to be together when we are home. No matter what someone is doing we can always see and hear each other which we love! Dinner is our favorite meal together because it's a chance for us to all come together. We share lots of stories and laughs around the dinner table. Every once in a while, we even sing songs at the table together which usually starts with Maddox because she loves music. The rest of us can't help but join in with her and sing too!

During the summer, while Lisa is home, we do lots of activities and adventures. We play outside almost every day. We enjoy going to the library for story time, going to local parks and playgrounds, the children's museums, the zoo, and any other local place to have fun! At home, Jeremiah loves to build things with Legos. His most favorite toys are superheroes and transformers. Maddox loves to play pretend with her baby doll and is currently learning how to use her fake makeup and other beauty care products. Both children enjoy reading books, coloring, painting, doing Play Doh, and dressing up in costumes. We eat each meal together at the table. At bedtime the children brush their teeth together and then go to their own rooms for story time and prayers before going to sleep. Maddox and Jeremiah both like to sleep with their special blankets and some of their favorite stuffed animals as well as their nightlights and music.

Both of our children are very excited to have a baby sibling. Jeremiah looks forward to having someone else to play with and share his toys with. Maddox loves everything about babies and is already practicing taking care of one with her baby doll and all of its accessories. We can't wait to add another child to this mix of fun and discover their personality and favorites.

- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Helping out at church as the nursery director and Sunday school teacher. Work in our community to support the homeless and participate in charity work. Reading. Sports. Baking. Watching sports with Nick. Going to music concerts. Spending time with our family and friends.

Adoptive Father:

Helping out at church and in our community. Watching and attending major league baseball games, such as Washington Nationals, Baltimore Orioles, and our favorite team the Atlanta Braves. Watching college and professional football such as the Houston Texans and the Virginia Tech Hokies. Playing volleyball & golf. Spending time with our family and friends

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Master's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Math Teacher

Adoptive Father: Business Owner



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Our family...

Nick and I met early in high school, in math class, and became friends. Soon we became best friends, and started dating around graduation. We both went to Virginia Commonwealth University together. It wasn't until after we had been dating that I found out Nick was adopted, it soon opened up the conversation that we both hoped to adopt one day and brought us closer as a couple.

To this day we are still each other's best friend which helps to make our relationship strong and lasting. We have been best friends for 13 years, together for 11 years, and married for 6 years. Together we are a good balance. Nick works very hard to provide for his family and is passionate about his business. He stands up for what he believes in! Lisa loves being a teacher and puts her heart and soul into her students. Lisa is very compassionate towards others and wants to help everybody. As a family, our strength is our love for each other and our love for others.

Nick and I try to have date night at least once a month. Usually this will be going out to dinner and maybe a movie or comedy show. In the summer we enjoy going to concerts because we enjoy the same music.

We have two children, Jeremiah who is four years old and Maddox who is two years old. We love playing with toys and games. The kids love to read, color, and do crafts. We also enjoy having family and friends over for meals and playtime. Our family loves ice cream! That may sound silly but it is one of the things that we really enjoy doing as a family. We try to go out for ice cream once or twice a month and it has become something super special to the kids!

We are close to our families and many of our family traditions are carried over from our childhoods. On Easter morning the children have a fun scavenger hunt that they have to follow around the house to gather different treats that ultimately lead them to their Easter baskets. This is so special because it was something Nick had growing up and now our kids do too. For Easter lunch, we go to Lisa's parent's house with the cousins and it always includes a giant Easter egg hunt.

Last year we had both sides of the family over on Christmas Eve and it was a fun time together for the adults and the kids. We hope this will become a tradition at our house for years to come. We have Christmas breakfast at Lisa's parent's house and Christmas dinner at Nick's parent's house.

Family is very important to us and we enjoy spending as much time with them as we can.



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