

# Jacob and Kristy



*our journey to adoption*



## ABOUT US

We met at work during college and dated for four years before getting engaged at the Grand Canyon. We've been married for eleven years now. Kristy is a social worker with a heart for vulnerable populations. She works in mental health inpatient care and volunteers at a camp for those with disabilities. She is hardworking, caring, generous, and a bit mischievous. In her free time, she makes crafts, does puzzles, and reads. Jacob is a teacher with a passion for meeting children where they are. He works at the local elementary school administering the special education, technology, and highly capable programs. He has unending patience, loves to learn, and can build or fix anything. He enjoys woodworking, photography, and astronomy and teaches swing dancing one weekend a month. We enjoy being active in the community by volunteering for local events, traveling, kayaking, camping, hiking, playing video games and board games, and doing errands or yard work on the weekends.



## OUR HOME & PET

We live on ten acres nestled between mountains, a river, and the ocean. While we like to travel, we are lucky to live where other people vacation. The local school is small but is the top school in the county for math, reading, and science. There is an abundance of wildlife, sea life, water sports, and hiking in the area. There is a major city within a two-hour drive, so we can access the best of both worlds. Rhea is our rescue pup. She is a three-year-old chihuahua and cannot get enough snuggles. She is a little momma dog and loves kids.



## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Adoption was always part of our family plan since we first dreamed about our future together. We wanted at least one child. We are unable to have biological children but are otherwise healthy and feel deeply called to be parents. We are looking forward to a small family and having a child we can shower with love, teach, and take on adventures. To bring a child into our home and to do our best to give them the biggest advantages in life is what wakes us up in the morning to realize the world is a little bit brighter.

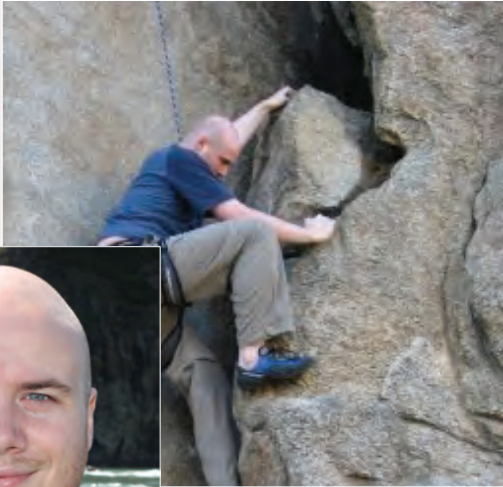




# our photo album



## MORE ABOUT...



Jacob

Kristy

**RACE:** Caucasian/Native American

**OCCUPATION:** Special Education and Technology Coordinator

**EDUCATION:** Master of Human Factors Engineering

**RELIGION:** Christian

**SPORT:** Football

**HOBBY:** Astronomy, woodworking

**TRADITION:** Steak on the beach over a campfire

**MUSICAL GROUP:** Anything I can swing dance to

**MOVIE:** Blues Brothers

**HOLIDAY:** Christmas

**TV SHOW:** Tasting History

**BOOK:** The Wheel of Time

**RACE:** Caucasian

**OCCUPATION:** Mental Health Professional

**EDUCATION:** Master of Social Work

**RELIGION:** Christian

**SPORT:** Hockey, swimming

**HOBBY:** Arts and Crafts

**TRADITION:** Chuck E. Cheese for birthdays-all ages!

**MUSICAL GROUP:** Anything I can sing loudly while driving

**MOVIE:** Top Gun

**HOLIDAY:** 4th of July

**TV SHOW:** Roswell

**BOOK:** Fiona's Will



# OUR FAMILY & *traditions*

Jacob's mom lives downstairs in our duplex. We eat dinner together a few times a week and visit daily. Jacob's dad has passed, and his older brother passed from an illness in childhood. He has several aunts and uncles we vacation with once a year.

Kristy's parents and niece all live in our state. She has two sisters, four nephews, two grandnephews, a grandniece, two godsons, and children she nannied. We travel to visit someone twice a year and love to host them as well. Our niece attends college nearby and raids the pantry often! When we're together, we play board games and cards and watch movies. Chuck E. Cheese is a longstanding tradition to celebrate birthdays for all ages. We love to take family to the beach for bonfires, kayaking, and clamming. Kristy's childhood best friend lives nearby, and we visit once a month. Her kids grew up calling her Aunt Kristy, and we look forward to returning the sentiment.

Jacob grew up in our town, so there is an entire community that is ready to welcome the newest member of our family and watch them grow up. There will be an unending supply of surrogate grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends to love your child.





♥ dear expectant mother ♥

We want to acknowledge your strength, selflessness, and courage through this journey. No words can express our deep admiration for you. If you choose us, your child will be raised with unconditional love in our humble Christian home. They will have many wonderful outdoor adventures and a fair bit of shenanigans! They will have many loved ones with whom to celebrate victories and rally after losses. We are a family of lifelong learners and hope to develop their unique talents so they can stand proud in any direction they choose to go in their life. We value developing their self-esteem, coping skills, love of learning, independence, and sense of adventure as they grow. Your child will be raised spending many of their days at the ocean, river, local waterfalls, and creeks splashing around, catching hermit crabs, looking for pretty rocks and shells, and swimming. We both grew up in rural communities spending most of our days outdoors and look forward to watching them catch their first frog or squeal in delight at cold water over their toes.

We love learning and hope to incorporate your culture as well. As Jacob is a Choctaw and Kristy is Irish, we have a deep sense of importance for those parts of ourselves. We believe it is important for a child to know where they come from and develop a deep understanding of it as they grow. We want to thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for considering us on this journey.

With Love,

*Jacob and Kristy*

