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our family

John + Amy



our lifestyle

While we are not huge on traditions, we are huge on family. If we have a weekend with no plans, our first discussion is about what family we have not seen in more than a couple of weeks, as our two kids always love seeing their extended family. We go on nature hikes with their maternal grandpa (Baba), watch movies with their paternal grandma (Granny), or enjoy a baseball game with their maternal grandma (Nana).

We are both very close with our siblings, so our children are always around their aunts, uncles, and cousins. We also enjoy local camping trips with friends or a simple low-tide science excursion with the kids to see the fascinating life teeming in the shallows.

John travels for work and so believes that experiencing different cultures is important for growing children to see that there are many different ways that life can be lived. We try to take a family trip to a different country each year.

our home + neighborhood

One of the deciding factors in where we live is that there is a small park one block away from our house and the kids' elementary school is only a fifteen-minute walk away. We run into friends from school when we go trick-or-treating on Halloween, local teens cut our lawn for spending money, and the playground is never empty.

We enjoy a safe and affectionate community. Our daycare is within a fifteen-minute walk from our house, and they are aware that we are seeking adoption. They are very excited to assist with our upcoming child's development. Our children have both loved their time at that daycare, along with the added benefit of being walked to preschool once they're old enough.







our favorite adventures

We love to travel — near or far. We spend the summers going camping close to home, either just our household or with friends and family. There are endless rivers, lakes, mountains, and waterfalls for us to explore, and we want to see them all. On rainy days, we watch our kids' imagination bloom at our local science center.

We also like to explore other cultures when possible, as seeing the variety of our world is important to cultivating an open mind among our children. We've taken our children to Alaska to explore Denali National Park, to a local reservation to attend a powwow, and to the Midwest to see the very rural upbringing their father came from.











our photo album













Occupation: Para educator

Race: Caucasian **Religion:** Agnostic **Sport:** Swimming

Hobby: Gardening

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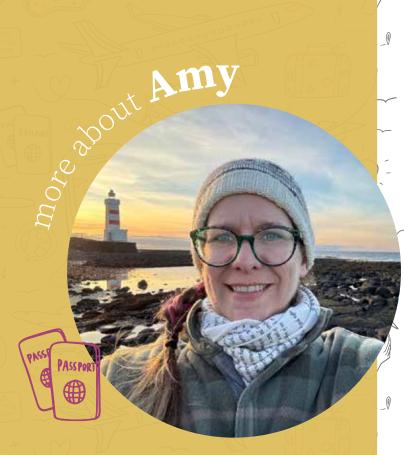
Family Tradition: Camping

Dream Vacation: Camping in New Zealand

Holiday: Christmas **TV Show:** Doctor Who

Subject in School: History

Book: Little Women





Occupation: Associate Director, IVD

Customer Service

Education: Bachelors of Science, Biology

Religion: Agnostic

Sport: Soccer

Food: Szechuan Chinese

Hobby: Gaming

Family Tradition: Camping

Musical Group: They Might Be Giants

Dream Vacation: Camping in New Zealand

TV Show: Star Trek (TNG) **Subject in School:** History







our family + friends



Our children have four branches of grandparents, three uncles, three aunts, and six cousins. All but one set of grandparents are local to us. We see them all often, and we have never failed to have a babysitter when needed. Our children love our extended family so much that they are always requesting to arrange visits and activities.

We also have our loving dog who adores the kids more than anyone or anything else in the world. He watches the front door waiting for the kids to get home from school, and then he spends his evenings sitting near them, being a pillow for them, or running around in the yard with them. Whether they're pulling on his beard or laying on top of him, he is always gentle and patient with our children.

We try to experience many things in life and so don't strictly adhere to yearly traditions. For Christmas, we've spent time at a local "Christmas village" where the whole town transforms into a winter wonderland, as well as having large extended family get-togethers with a pile of presents under the tree.









our letter to you



We are seeking to adopt a child because we feel our family is not complete. We love our two boys with all our hearts, but we agree that we need one more kiddo to complete our family. Adoption has always seemed like the right path for us, and we are so grateful for your trust in us. We can't even imagine the feelings and emotions you are experiencing, but we want you to know that we will love, care for, and support this precious human until the day we die.

We come from a very boy-heavy family, and so everyone is excited about the prospect of welcoming a little girl into our home. She will be the first granddaughter for five of her grandparents, and she will be inundated with handmade, knit and crocheted attire. Our two boys are extremely excited for a little sister, and anytime we do anything around the house now, they ask if their sister will like the new decision, or they are reluctant to get rid of an older toy because they "are saving that for Sister."

Raising our children has been the most rewarding and fulfilling period of our lives. We love our children with all our hearts and are very excited to have the chance to love another child just as much.

With gratitude and love,

Amy + John



