



Sara
and
Jakob
our story



about us

Sara was a pharmacist for almost 12 years. She recently changed her career to pursue a more fulfilling career in education. She has found her true passion in special needs education and works as a one-on-one paraprofessional. She enjoys reading, music, exercising, learning new things, and spending time with family and friends. Currently Sara is one of the girls' youth leaders at our local church and enjoys getting to know their interests and helping and counseling them as they navigate their teenage years. Jakob works as a systems engineer for an HVAC equipment manufacturer. He enjoys camping, hiking, and working on cars and home projects. Currently Jakob is the men's group leader at our local church and works hard helping other families and individuals in need to become more self-reliant and build a stronger relationship with God.

OUR HOME & PET

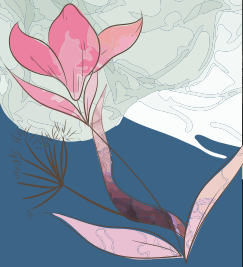
We live in Oklahoma. Our town is growing, with a pretty amazing school system. Throughout the year the town has different festivals, parades, and an ever-growing Christmas lights display. Our home is in a cul-de-sac and surrounded by wonderful neighbors as well as very close to a cow pasture. Our home is modest but suits our needs and wants. We have a dog, a black Lab named Casey. We adopted her from the shelter at one year old; she is now four years old. She loves going on walks, belly rubs, and treats. She also loves guarding the backyard from squirrels and the occasional wild rabbit. She is not a fan of thunderstorms.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Family has always been important to us. We always thought we would have three or four children; however, we have experienced fertility issues throughout our marriage. We were finally blessed with our son. Since our son turned one, we have been trying to grow our family but have not been able to. We feel strongly that our family is still meant to grow. We have thought about adoption over the years and feel now is the right time. Our son has often expressed how he would love to have a sibling and be a big brother. We would love to have our family grow through adoption and have the opportunity to love and nurture another child in our family.

our life
together



more about

Sara

Occupation: Paraprofessional

Education: Doctor of Pharmacy

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Sport: Basketball

Food: Italian

Hobby: Walking, listening to music

Tradition: Pizza and movie Friday nights

Musical Group: Lauren Daigle, Martina McBride

Movie: Father of the Bride

Dream Vacation: Hawaii

Holiday: Christmas

TV Show: Heartland

School Subject: Science

Book: The Scriptures and non-fiction books



more about

Jakob

Occupation: Systems Engineer

Education: Bachelor of Science

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Sport: Football

Food: Mexican

Hobby: Camping, hiking

Tradition: Pizza and movie Friday nights

Musical Group: Blink-182

Movie: Armageddon

Dream Vacation: Alaskan cruise

Holiday: Independence Day

TV Show: Star Trek: Voyager

School Subject: Fluid mechanics

Book: Authors Michael Crichton & James Rollins



our family & **traditions**

Jakob's Family - I have three sisters, three brothers-in-law, and eight nieces and nephews. We all live near our mom and dad. All our families gather together often for Sunday dinners, holidays, birthdays, niece and nephew school events, and any other reason we can find. When we get together, we generally play games and are very competitive. Every three years we have a family reunion with all of our extended family. We enjoy having this time to catch up with one another.

Sara's Family - I have one sister, two nieces, and one great-nephew who live near us, and we see each other often. Our son has a special bond with my younger niece, and they can play for days. My dad lives in Illinois, and my mom and stepdad live in Oregon, where we visit them once a year. While there, we enjoy relaxing, playing games, walking around their small town, visiting the ocean and beach, and walking the hiking trails around their town in the woods. Once a year my mom comes to visit us as well. We also try to visit my grandma, dad, aunt, uncles, and cousins in Illinois at least once a year.





dear
**expectant
mother**

Thank you for your love, your courage, and the beautiful gift of life you are giving. We would be forever grateful if you chose to bless us with this ultimate gift of a child to love and raise. You will always and forever be their mom. We could never take your place. You gave them the greatest gift: life. If you choose us, we promise with all our hearts to love and care for your child always. We promise to love, cheer for, teach, help, comfort, and encourage them every day. We are so grateful for you. Your love and sacrifice would stay in our hearts forever.

We love being parents to our son and can't wait for another child to pour our love onto. Our son can't wait to be a big brother and to teach, protect, and have a lifelong best friend. If you want, we would love to keep in touch with you at any level you're comfortable with.

**WITH LOVE,
JAKOB & SARA**

