# CHRISTINA + JAMES

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We met seven years ago through some mutual friends. We arranged a cute little dinner date, and after spending hours talking and laughing, we both knew we had met our perfect match. Seven months later, James popped the question and six months after that we were married. We were blessed with our now four year old son and we couldn't imagine life without children. On weekends you can find us doing things like visiting the zoo, swimming at water parks, and camping and roasting marshmallows. We enjoy festivals, hiking and being outdoors. We are both down to earth and enjoy joking around with each other. We feel life is too short to take things too seriously. James runs and owns 2 different companies and Christina works at home for an insurance company.

### ABOUTUS

#### OUR HOME + PETS

We live in a four-bedroom, cozy, ranch-style house on a quiet street. We finally finished the updates we started when we moved in to make it feel like home. We have a large finished basement where we gather for football parties and game nights. The elementary school is a few blocks away, and there is a splash pad and brand new playground that our community just finished this spring. Every summer there is a neighborhood festival with live music, carnival rides, fireworks, and great food. It's a great way to interact and get to know our community. We have a Goldendoodle named Zoey who loves all the excitement as well.

## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Our decision to adopt was a rather easy one. We had planned on having two to three children, but after one biological son and numerous failed attempts with IVF to have more children, we knew that adoption would be our next path. Knowing that there is still a chance for us to grow our family is so heartwarming and fulfilling. We also have several friends who came from adopted homes, and they have been our rocks, supporting us through this journey. The only thing that would make us happier is another child to love. We want more than anything for our son to experience the joys of being a big brother and to enjoy a childhood as we both had with our siblings.





























more about CHRISTINA

Race: Caucasian Occupation: Data Quality Analyst Education: College Religion: Catholic Sport: Volleyball Food: Pizza Hobby: Furniture refinishing Tradition: Family foosball tournament during Christmas gathering Musical Group: Thomas Rhett Movie: Pretty Woman Dream Vacation: Grenada Holiday: Christmas TV Show: This is Us Subject in School: Math







more about JAMES

Race: Caucasian Occupation: Business owner Education: College Religion: Catholic Sport: Golf Food: Steak Hobby: Sports memorabilia Tradition: Sing a song before receiving your gift at Christmas Musical Group: Metallica Movie: Superhero movies Dream Vacation: Bora Bora Holiday: Christmas TV Show: The League Subject in School: Science

# OUR FAMILY + TRADITIONS



We are extremely close to our extended family. Christina has two sisters (one an identical twin) and a brother, and James has two brothers. We have eight nieces and nephews whom we see on a consistent basis even though we live a few hours away. Our families could not have been happier when we told them about our decision to adopt.

Our favorite holiday has always been Christmas. There is nothing more magical than family gatherings and Christmas music. We enjoy our family traditions, such as baking Christmas cookies and the Christmas carols as we sing, laugh, and dance. Every year we have a Christmas weekend at one family member's house, where we all stay. We have a rule that if you want to open your present, you must sing a Christmas song. We play games, enjoy great food, and talk and laugh the whole time. We wish more than anything that your baby could share these traditions with us, to help decorate our Christmas tree, build snowmen in the front yard, write their own letters to Santa, and sit by the fireplace drinking hot chocolate while watching our favorite Christmas movies.

