

A family portrait featuring a man, a woman, and a young child. The man, on the left, has short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark grey sweater and blue jeans. He is holding the child. The woman, on the right, has long dark hair and is wearing a teal-colored knit sweater and blue jeans. The child, in the center, has short blonde hair and glasses, wearing a brown vest over a red and black plaid shirt, dark blue pants, and white sneakers with blue laces. They are all smiling and standing in front of a rustic wooden structure with vertical planks. The text "Katie AND Mitch" is written in a white, cursive font on the right side, with "AND" in a smaller, simpler font. Below it, "AND HUDSON TOO!" is written in a white, sans-serif font.

Katie
AND
Mitch
AND HUDSON TOO!



Pleased to Meet You!



Dear Expectant Mother,

We can't thank you enough for taking the time to get to know us. We hope these next few pages will give you a glimpse into our lives and what your child's life would be like in our family. Above all, we hope this book will assure you of the love your child would know as part of our family. We can't imagine the emotions you are going through in making this difficult decision. Know that we are praying for you and your precious baby throughout your pregnancy, that God will lead you to the right family and fill you with peace whatever decision you make.

Love, Katie and Mitch

"FOR THIS CHILD WE HAVE PRAYED" -1 SAMUEL 1:27
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Our Story

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We started dating in college and were married a few years later. After 8 years of marriage, we are still best friends. Whether we are making dinner, doing house projects, or watching a movie, we are happiest together. Every evening we share about our days with each other, often on a walk outside. We are also super silly and goofy together and spend lots of time laughing, singing, and teasing each other. Board games are one of our favorite past times and we look forward to game nights with our children. We always dreamed of becoming parents and planned to adopt someday. After years of infertility, we decided not to wait any longer to adopt. We feel so blessed to have become parents through the adoption of our son, Hudson, in March 2018. He has brought so much joy to our lives and we couldn't be more excited to become a family of four through adoption!



Hi! I'm Katie!

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A Little Bit About Katie Written by Mitch

What first attracted me to Katie was her love for God, her care for others, and her desire to think deeply about important topics. Katie likes to giggle and have fun. She also has a competitive spirit, so combined with her smarts she is really hard to beat in board games!

Katie is a strong woman, very hard worker, and a natural leader whom I lean on for wisdom and advice. She often selflessly gives up her own preferences and desires in order to love me.

Katie has showered Hudson with this same selfless love. She is always wanting to do what is best for him, whether that means rocking him to sleep in the middle of the night when he's sick or teaching him new things. She's super excited to include Hudson in all of our traditions and to create new ones together. Katie is the most patient, empathetic, and caring mom I know, even when Hudson is having a tough day. She is so good at helping our little boy learn and grow. Having a second child in our family will only give her another little one to love so well.



FUN FACTS ABOUT ME

I love all things winter. I find snow so beautiful and I love decorating our house for Christmas.

I'm the bigger sports fan of the two of us. I cheer for all the Wisconsin teams and get very nervous watching them especially during Packer games.

When I became a mom, I stopped teaching full-time so I could dedicate most of my day to being with Hudson.

THE BASICS

AGE
31

HEIGHT
5'4"

Hair and Eyes
BROWN

Occupation
**HIGH SCHOOL
MATH TEACHER**

Favorite Movie
**THE PRINCESS
BRIDE**

Religion
**EVANGELICAL
CHRISTIAN**

Favorite Place
FORESTS

Education
**B.S. IN MATH
AND PHYSICS**

Favorite Food
**MASHED
POTATOES
AND GRAVY**

Likes

**HIKING, CAMPING, BAKING,
READING FICTION, SINGING,
LEARNING NEW THINGS, PIANO**

Hi! I'm Mitch!

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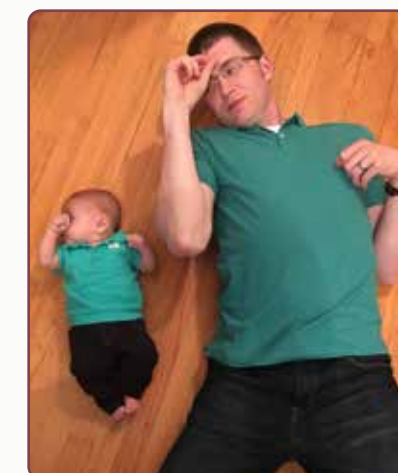
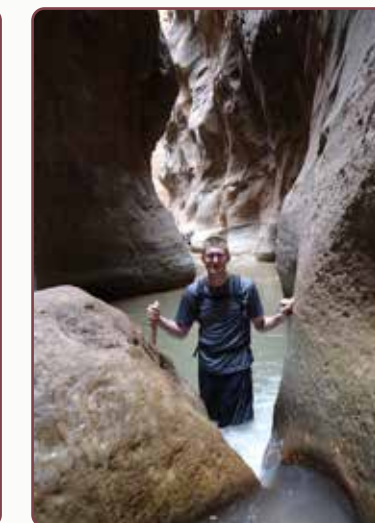
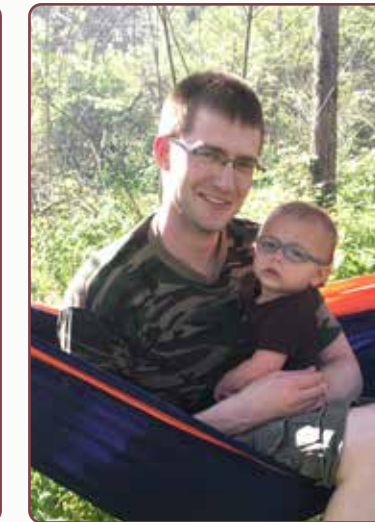
A Little Bit About Mitch

Written by Katie

I have never met a man quite like Mitch. He is super funny and clever so he is constantly making everyone around him laugh. But he also has a serious side and loves to have deep conversations.

He is wise, thoughtful, and cares deeply for people. He is constantly seeking to learn and improve so he reads a lot of books. He is also easy going and spontaneous and he makes sure that we have a good dose of fun in our lives. He loves being active outside especially hiking and ultimate frisbee. Not only does he make sure we go out on lots of adventures, but he also loves to invite people into our home for good food or having fun.

Mitch is an amazing husband and father. When he is with us, he focuses on us showing us how important we are to him. He showers Hudson with love and affection and is constantly coming up with creative, fun ways for them to play together. Hudson loves his Daddy so much and runs to him every time he gets home. We are so blessed to have him in our lives.



FUN FACTS ABOUT ME

I'm a bit of a geek. I love Star Wars and have read the Lord of the Rings series multiple times.

I really enjoyed playing with Legos growing up! I saved all of them so that my kids could enjoy playing with them as well.

I just started learning how to play guitar and am really enjoying it. As soon as Hudson sees it, he says "please" until he gets a turn.

THE BASICS

AGE
33

HEIGHT
6'4"

Hair and Eyes
**BLONDE
AND BLUE**

Occupation **PASTOR**

Religion
**EVANGELICAL
CHRISTIAN**

Education
**B.S. IN WEB AND
DIGITAL MEDIA
DEVELOPMENT,
MASTER OF
DIVINITY (MDIV)**

Favorite Movie
**LORD OF
THE RINGS**

Favorite Place
**COFFEE
SHOPS**

Favorite Food
**MY MOM'S
LASAGNA**

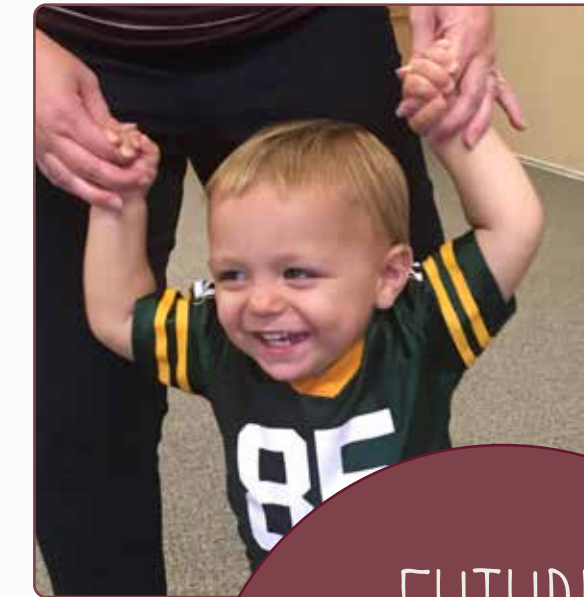
Likes

**GUITAR, DISC GOLF, READING
NON-FICTION, CAMPFIRE, GOING
FOR WALKS, BOARD GAMES, MOVIES
AND MOVIE TRAILERS**

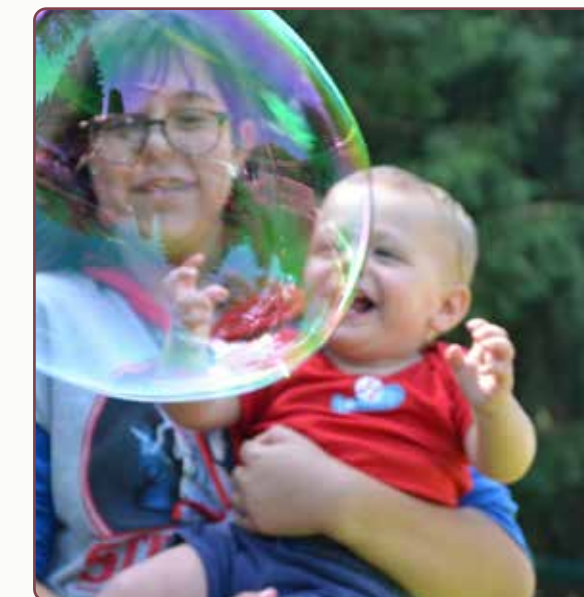
Hi! I'm Hudson!

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Hudson is full of silliness and giggles. Not only does he like to laugh but he also loves making others laugh. He loves to be outside so we spend a good amount of time swinging on the playset in our backyard, playing in the sandbox, or simply taking a walk while he explores every leaf and stick he finds. He also loves people so he says “hi” to everyone he sees. Some of his favorite things to do are reading books, helping cook, building with blocks, and singing songs. He is full of energy and especially loves wrestling with Daddy or jumping into our arms. He loves to give hugs and kisses and we think he will be an amazing big brother. We are fortunate to have an open adoption with Hudson’s birth family. We visit them several times a year and keep in contact with regular pictures, videos, and letters. We are forever grateful for the gift that he is in our lives.



FUTURE
BIG
BROTHER!



Katie's family

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My parents have been happily married for almost 50 years. I have three older sisters (Rachel, Becky and Sue) that are all married and have kids. Our ages are quite spread apart so I became an aunt at the age of nine. We all live within a couple hours of each other, so we like to get the whole big family together regularly to celebrate birthdays, holidays, to see a Brewer game, or just to have dinner. My parents are retired so they spend a lot of time spoiling their grandkids and going to their plays, sports games, and band concerts.



Greta and Tess spend a lot of our time together playing with Hudson



All the grandkids with my parents

My sisters and I ran the "Race for the Cure" with my mom to celebrate my mom surviving breast cancer



Brewer game with the whole family



My extended family has an annual 4th of July party with lots of games. The kids also decorate wagons for a mini parade in the backyard.



On my parent's sailboat

Mitch's family

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My parents, my sister, and her husband live in the beautiful northwoods of Wisconsin. Because they live several hours away, when we visit we like to spend several days together. We see each other every year for holidays, birthdays, and other long weekends. My dad is an avid outdoorsman so I am excited for our kids to learn about the great outdoors from their grandpa. I'm also excited for our kids to be spoiled by their grandma who is eagerly waiting for more grandchildren to love. I look forward to watching them play with their aunt, uncle, and cousins and for them to join in on the family fun of board games and the annual Thanksgiving cribbage tournament.



Four generations of Packer fans

My parents came to celebrate with us when I graduated with my masters



Grandma extended their visit to snuggle with a sick Hudson



Feeding the pigs on my parents hobby farm



Taking our annual Christmas wagon ride through the woods



4-Wheeling in the snow

Our Family of Three

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We enjoy traveling and visiting new places so we travel together whenever we have the chance. We love going to national parks especially if it has mountains or canyons and we go camping every summer. Hudson loved all the time spent outside during his first camping trips and first visit to a national park. We are excited to both explore new places with our children and to bring them back to all of our favorite places.

For our everyday lives, we value spending lots of time together. Every night we eat supper together and snuggle with Hudson while we read books before bed. Saturdays are reserved for time together and having fun. We love to spend these days outside going for walks or playing at the park. We love to go on adventures together to the zoo, county fair, or other town events.



Our neighborhood park is only blocks away from our house!



Our favorite national park: Yosemite!



Hudson giggled every time the waves washed onto the pier on our walk out to the lighthouse.



Visiting the animals at the county fair



Annual fall festival



Camping with our church



Ready for our annual tradition of decorating the Christmas tree together



Hiking in the Indiana Dunes



Hudson loves playing on the beach

Our Faith and Friends

Our Christian faith is at the center of our lives and our church community is like a tight-knit extended family. It has been so fun to watch our community adore Hudson and to see him get excited when he sees them. We would be delighted to introduce your child to this loving group of people who will cherish them as a blessing from God.

We want to introduce our children to our loving, kind, gentle, and patient God! We also hope that we can show our children what God is like through our actions such as listening to their joys and hurts, keeping our promises, and getting down on the floor to play with them.

Friday night dinners



Bowling outing



Our Home

We live in a charming town northwest of Chicago. Our house has a lot of character with original wood floors, arched doorways, and many large windows that let light stream in. The huge deck hosts many outdoor dinner parties in the summer while the kids play in the backyard on the playset or shoot hoops. We love to fill our home with friends and family for holiday parties or weeknight dinners.

Our town prides itself on its historical charm and on the town square that hosts a variety of festivals and activities. We walk to the town square frequently to go to the farmer's market or to get a warm cinnamon roll from the bakery. Our town also has many parks including one with a water park that has slides and a splash pad for kids. Katie has loved taking Hudson to swing at the park or play at the pool on hot summer days.

Mitch teaching a lesson at the Backyard Bible Club we hosted



Decorating Christmas cookies





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We promise
to unconditionally
love your child.

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We promise to
surround your
child with family and
friends who will love
and cherish them.

3

We promise to
always speak of
you with respect
and dignity.

4

We promise that
we will stay in
contact with you
if that is what
you wish.

5

We promise
to fill your
child's life with
the love and
message of
Jesus.

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We promise to
fill your child's
life with fun and
giggles.

7

We promise to
nurture your
child's talents and
encourage their
passions.

8

We promise to
always see your
child as a gift
from God.

