

IT'S SO

NICE

TO MEET YOU!



# Jacob & Kat

• LEARN A BIT ABOUT US •

Jacob, Kat,  
Kamila, and Marvin



We are praying that if adoption is right for you and your child, that the peace of God would fill your heart as you make this big choice, and that that peace would guide you to the right family! If that is us, we will be overjoyed.

# Hello

*It's so nice to "meet" you!*



First, we want to say thank you for taking the time to consider our family. We feel so much compassion for you at this time. We thank you for the way you are already loving your child by considering all the best options for them.

We absolutely love being parents. We have two kids at home, and watching them grow into their unique selves is our greatest gift. We would love more than anything to share our home and our life with more children. Our kids have 37 cousins (and counting!), family is everything to us, and we have a lot more love to give to more precious kids and the family that comes with open adoption!

Our conversations as a couple about adopting started before we were married. We have gone through the devastating loss of three babies (stillborn twins at 17 weeks and then a miscarriage at 5 weeks). Throughout our marriage we have revisited the topic of adoption, but it wasn't until more recently, after lots of prayer, we felt it was the right time to move forward with the process.. We want to adopt because we've always cared deeply about helping others. At times for us that has looked like working in ministry and non-profit organizations, and now we want to help by opening our home to a child. After a lot of prayer and honest reflection, we feel we are ready to adopt, and so are our two kids! We have a beautiful life we'd love to share with more kids and the birth family that comes with them.

*Jacob & Kat*

*how we started*

# Our love story

We met in 2014 when Jake was leading a mission trip Kat was on. We went on to work for the same Christian non-profit and quickly became friends. After two years of friendship, we began dating. One of the main things that first drew us together was how similarly we viewed God, family, community, and how we envisioned living life. It was easy to let down our guards and we both felt truly seen by each other. Our dates were many outdoor Colorado adventures, eating good food, and mostly talking late into the night and laughing together. Everything just 'clicked' and we both knew in our hearts that we wanted to be together forever. We got engaged a few months later and were married on September 9, 2017.

## We've been married for seven years.

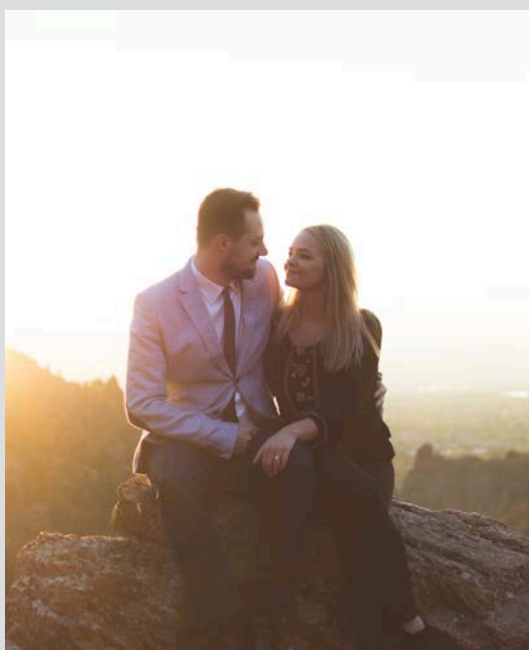
One thing we love about our marriage is how much we laugh together. We genuinely enjoy one another and have so much fun together. Our faith is the foundation of our marriage; we've walked through hard things together and have seen God's faithfulness to sustain us and protect us. We do our best to handle conflict well; we joke that in seven years

we've gotten pretty good at arguing. We don't do it perfectly, but we are always aiming to grow in communication and in understanding one another. One thing that Jake always says when we have conflict is "we are on the same team" which is such a good reminder to both of us that it's not one of us versus the other, but us together versus the problem that needs to be solved.

## We love spending time together.

As a couple, we love socializing and entertaining family and friends and we love when our house is full of people. We also enjoy relaxing and having fun, we like to do game nights, have bonfires, and watch shows. We absolutely love being outdoors, whether that's fishing and camping in the mountains or exploring a fun city. More than anything, we love to travel the world; there's nothing quite like exploring a new place and a new culture. We also travel a lot within the U.S., and when we do, we love trying new restaurants and coffee shops and seeing what unique things different states have to offer. One thing we love about living in Colorado is that there is so much to see and do here.





## Fun facts about us

- 1** We are both children of refugees! Kat's family came from Russia in 1989, and Jake's dad and grandparents came from Slovenia in 1949.
- 2** We share the same birthday AND decided to get married on the same day: September 9th is a big day for us all around!

*my husband*

# Jacob



## Jacob's personality

I married a really good man. Jacob is kind to his core; he is humble, he is confident, and he loves making people laugh. He makes everyone feel welcome around him and is never competing or trying to prove himself; he is confident in who he is and accepts others for who they are. He loves God deeply and has taught me so much about God's character. He doesn't get caught up in the little things, he just accepts God's love without putting conditions on it. He's very relational and social; he values his family and has a group of guy friends that he's known for over 20 years. He is extremely loyal, he puts me and the kids first always. He is a hard worker, he provides for us and always makes sure we feel safe. He really is the kindest man, especially to me and our kids. Life is better with Jake in it!

## Jacob as a dad

Jake is an amazing dad. He is fun and makes our kids laugh. As soon as he's done working every day at 4 pm, he comes straight upstairs from his office and plays with the kids. He's always happy to see them and makes sure they know that. He is patient when our kids are having hard days and need more from us. He is always making our kids laugh (or roll their eyes) and loves taking them to do fun stuff. I know Jake will be an incredible dad to more kids. He is so compassionate and nonjudgmental. When I think about him as a father to an adopted child, I feel all the confidence in the world that he will love them so well. He is loyal and once he commits to something, he does it fully, I know that as soon as a child joins our family, they will have his full loyalty, protection, and love. Forever.



My greatest wish for my kids is that they would grow up to love God and love others. I pray that they would have meaningful, full lives and would find joy in the normal and mundane of life. I pray we will always stay close and connected as a family.

*my wife*

**Kat**



## Kat's personality

One of the main reasons my wife is amazing is that she is constantly working on herself and growing. I don't know anyone else like her. At the end of the day, she will tell me something she discovered about herself and how she is trying to grow in that area. Kat is quick to see others' points of view and weighs out the different sides of a situation. She has a huge heart for the down and out, her life story and everything she has overcome is a big part of that. She's seen a lot in her life and has come out of it wiser, more understanding, and stronger. Her life goals don't include the typical American dream of having fancy things and 'getting to the top,' but rather, having a loving family and helping those around her. She is also an incredible mom who is constantly thinking about our kids and how we can be better parents. She is an amazing wife who loves me for who I am; she always wants the best for our family.



I'm proud of the way Jake and I are raising our kids. I don't do things perfectly, but I'm genuinely always trying to be better for my family. My kids are my favorite people.



## Kat as a mom

Kat is a stay-at-home mom, so she is with our children all during the day. Watching her with our two kids has been amazing. She is very nurturing and is the one our kids run to when they get hurt. I don't know how many times I will hear our kids yelling "Dad!" from across the house, and when I get there, they say, "Can you get Mom for me?" She is always showing our kids love. She is so thoughtful on how we parent, hold boundaries, and teach our kids in areas that they are having trouble in. She absolutely loves doing things as a family. Her favorite is when we go on adventures or out to eat together. Often her eyes will well up with tears of joy, especially in the little everyday moments. Kat also makes a really big point to do normal life with the kids. When she needs to go to the store, run errands, or do things around the home, she makes sure to include the kids happily. She absolutely loves being a mom, and I know our kids feel and see that.



# Our Children



*Kamila*

6 years old

Kamila is creative, imaginative, and ambitious. She loves rainbows and sparkles and unicorns. She has tons of stuffed animals, and just about every day, it's one of their birthdays and she throws them a party. She loves books, every night she falls asleep reading a big stack of her current favorites. She loves listening to and playing music, especially with Jake. Kamila is very attentive to people's feelings and is so thoughtful and considerate. She goes out of her way to make others feel welcome and special. She loves gymnastics, playing outside, collecting bugs, and trying new and interesting foods. She has a strength to her and holds her ground. She is very determined. When she sets her mind to accomplishing a goal, she works at it no matter how many tries it takes. More than anything, Kamila loves her little brother: she is extremely protective of him and includes him in anything she does.



*Marvin*

3 years old

Marvin is also very creative; he is always playing with the most random things around the house. His current favorite is the kitchen utensils and the toilet paper rolls he transforms into all sorts of things. He loves his toy cars, dinosaurs, Mario, and Legos. He is active and loves to run and jump and play on our swings. One of his current obsessions is boxing and he's dreaming of being a professional one day. He is also very affectionate, sensitive, and loves to cuddle. He absolutely loves babies. He has a few younger cousins and has recently become obsessed with "helping out" whenever there is a baby around. He loves to play outside year round and entertains himself with digging in the dirt, playing with sticks, or gardening with mom. He is very confident and loves to make people laugh, just like dad. More than anything, he adores his big sister.



## A big sister and big brother...

Kamila and Marvin are very excited to have more siblings. They talk about it nonstop and have been praying for God to bless us with more kids. They were heartbroken when we lost our twins and had the miscarriage, they've been so ready for more siblings for a long time. We know they'll love their future siblings as deeply as they love each other.



## Our thoughts on parenting...

We love being parents for so many reasons! We love getting to see the world through our kid's eyes. We love getting to experience life and the world with them. We love getting to have our little crew in the big moments, like traveling the world, and in everyday things, like conversations around the dinner table. We do our best to find a good balance between holding boundaries and not being too strict. We try to lead by example more than anything. We aim in all things to let our kids be themselves and see how much we enjoy them as they are. We are far from perfect, but we do our best to apologize when we don't do things well. Our faith impacts our parenting; we teach our kids to follow the Bible, to love the Lord their God, and to love their neighbor as themselves.

## more about **Jacob**



I work as a CPA and my company acts as an office for nonprofit organizations. Our company is fully remote, and I have a handful of employees all over the U.S. My job keeps me busy, but since I work for myself, I work my own hours and take whatever time off I want. One of the main reasons I started a company like this is so I could have flexibility and could spend time with my family. Not having a commute is amazing, and when I get off work, I just walk upstairs and see my family.

I love having adventures with my family, especially outdoors. I love to go fishing and hiking, camping, and taking long drives around beautiful Colorado. I love traveling with my family; whether that's a road trip to see family or going to another country. Personally, I like doing the same things when I'm just on my own or with friends. I love good movies and hanging out with my friends. I'm not a great musician, but I love playing the piano and guitar and singing a little too loudly for my family.

*steady | hard worker | loyal*





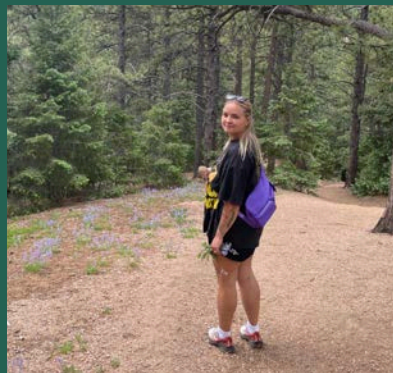
## *more about* **Kat**

Currently, I am a stay-at-home mom, and plan/hope to do that until all my kids are in school full time. This was always something I hoped to do. I love getting to be there for every moment with my kids and I wouldn't trade it for the world; it's a huge value of mine and a gift to me.

I love traveling, art, music, interior design, food, reading, thrifting, shopping, fishing, playing sports and games, and spending time with family and friends. I love spontaneous things! The other day, it was almost bedtime, and we were driving home on a Friday night, and decided to surprise our kids and go play mini golf instead of going to bed on time. I love weekend adventures with my family; we'll often go spend the day downtown eating good food, getting coffee and ice cream, or drive to one of our favorite mountain towns and spend the day outdoors hiking and fishing. I really value the simple things in life- a pretty view, holding my kids' tiny hands, laughing with people I love, cooking a good meal from scratch, and a good cup of coffee.



*compassionate | intentional | fun*





## Family Time



We love listening to music and spending time with friends. We enjoy going out for coffee or to our favorite bookstore and exploring fun spots downtown. On evenings when we don't have plans, we love to go for family walks to the park or for a quick hike at the open space near our house, where we love watching the sunset. We also love surprising our kids with spontaneous nights bowling, going to the movies, or going out for ice cream.

## Life Together

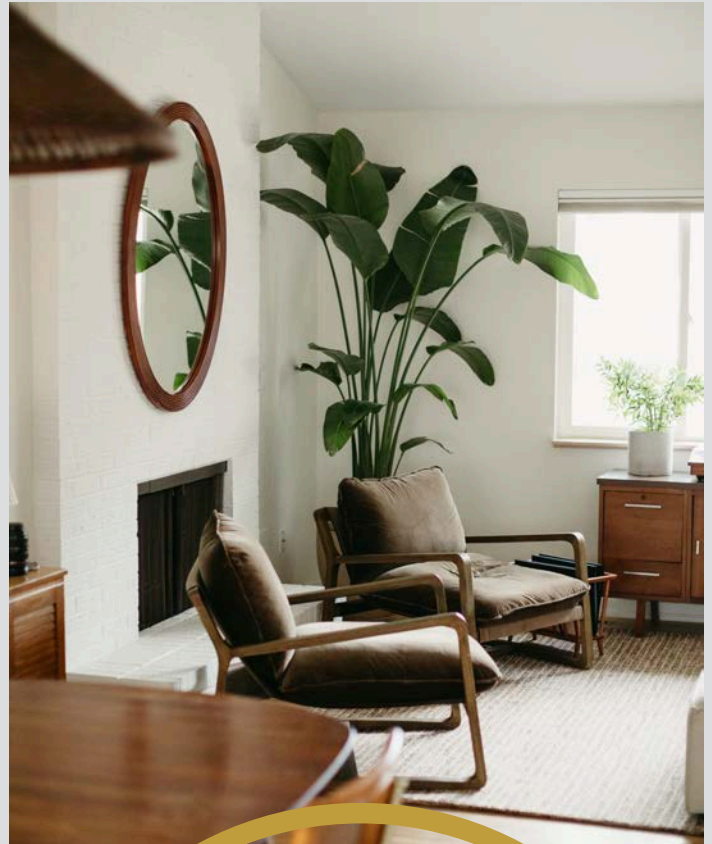




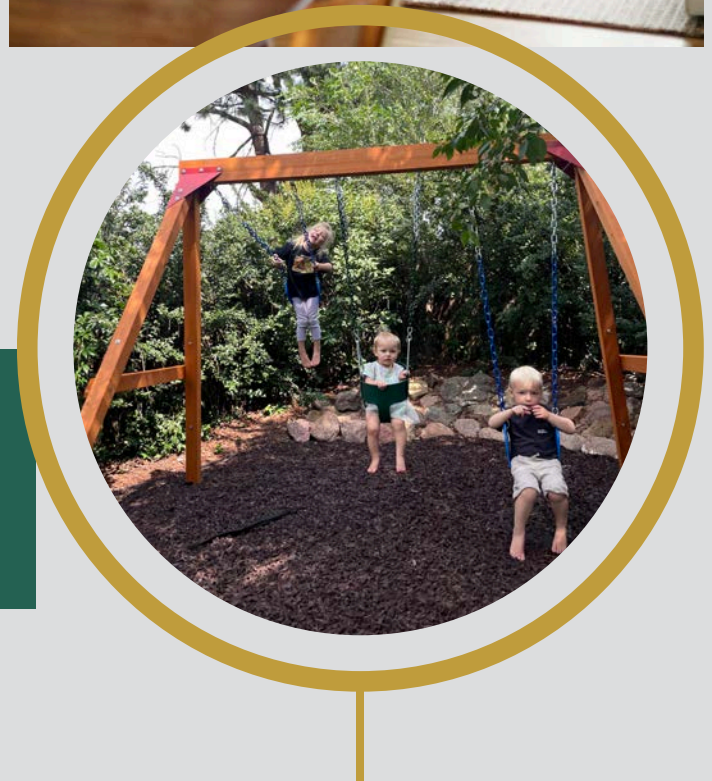


*Time as a family*

We love to travel any chance we get! This year for our birthday/anniversary trip we visited the Washington state coast and Seattle with our kids. We also take a trip each year to Montana to visit Jake's family and to Chicago to visit Kat's family (sometimes a few times a year). We also go to Mexico every winter with Kat's family, and the past several years some of Jake's family has joined as well. Last year, there were 40 of us on the trip! We also love exploring Colorado and going hiking, fishing, and camping as a family.



*our home in*  
**Colorado**





*We love raising our family here!*



We love our home nestled in a tight-knit neighborhood! We have plenty of space with five bedrooms and three bathrooms. It's a unique home with lots of natural light and a cross between mid-century and Scandinavian design. It's open, yet cozy and filled with plants, art, and thrifted furniture. Interior design is something Kat has always been interested in, so making our home beautiful and functional is something she enjoys. We recently spent months renovating our front and backyard. We have lots of big beautiful trees, a small garden, a fire pit hangout area, a swing set, and a playhouse with a slide. In warmer months, we have an outdoor dining set on our back porch, we love to grill and have our meals out there. The kids spend summer days running through the sprinkler, splashing in their inflatable pool, and gardening with me.

We live in Colorado, in a beautiful city with mountain views and endless outdoor activities. We have a really fun downtown area with tons of good restaurants, shops, bookstores, and awesome parks. We have four seasons and tons of sunshine. We live in a quiet neighborhood within walking distance to a park, a French bakery, and a hiking trail. We know our neighbors on our block and have summer block parties and an annual Christmas party. One of our neighbors has chickens, and she brings by fresh eggs for us often. Our broader neighborhood is pretty diverse. We have lots of beautiful mountains, rivers, and lakes we love to explore. There are also lots of fun events we attend, including a fun Daddy-Daughter dance, a hot air balloon festival, and an annual Christmas concert supporting people with Down Syndrome and their families.

# *our extended* **Family**

## Kat's Family

On my side, I have my parents, Pavel and Lea. I have six siblings: David, Alex, Agnes, Margaret, Lydia, and Joseph. Between all of them, we have 22 nephews and neices ranging in age from newborn to 17! My parents came from communist Russia before I was born in 1989. They came as religious refugees fleeing the Soviet Union. Neither of them spoke English when they came, and they had no money. My dad worked extremely hard and taught himself English and eventually worked his way up to owning a successful construction company. They had three little kids when they arrived in America and my mom also eventually learned English and had four more kids. She was a stay-at-home mom and gave us a great childhood. I'm proud of my family's history and am thankful to have my Russian language and culture to share with my husband and kids.



We are very close with both of our extended families. We do not live near any of them, but we see them several times a year, and they visit us often as well. Between summer visits, traveling for the holidays, and going on a family trip to Mexico every winter, we see family often and stay connected. We value our family very deeply and everyone is so excited for us and supportive in the adoption process.

## Jacob's Family

On my side, I have my parents, Marvin and Karen. I have four siblings: Joshua, David, Angela, and Amanda and we have 16 neices and nephews ranging from 7 to 19 years old. My dad was born to Slovenian parents in Europe. They came as refugees to America when my dad was a baby, fleeing communism after WWII. All of my mom's grandparents also came from different parts of Europe. Our heritage is something we were taught growing up and is a big part of who we are. We grew up hearing stories about our families' struggle to survive in Slovenia and carried such a pride in knowing where we came from.





*Katy's Family*



*Jacob's Family*

*what's important to us*

# Our family values

## LOVE GOD

Our faith is the core of who we are and what keeps us together; we seek to love and honor God in all we do!

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## LOVE PEOPLE

We aim to show compassion to everyone around us; we believe everyone has a story that has shaped who they are. We try to set that example for our kids by how we talk about others, show humility, and respond to people, especially those in need.

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## FAMILY, COMMUNITY, & HERITAGE

Life is about people and connection; joy isn't joy unless it's shared. We are extremely loyal to our friends and family and would do anything for them, just as they would do for us. Our heritage and family history are also a big part of that- we look forward to potentially adding more layers to our family's heritage through adoption!

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## WONDER & ADVENTURE

Life is beautiful; we try to see the world as a child does, purely and full of wonder. We value finding the beauty in everyday life, like dinner conversations with our kids, as well as in the big moments, like traveling the world together.

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Our faith is extremely important to us. We teach our kids who God is by the example we set, by reading the Bible together, and by talking to and about God throughout our day. We are intentional about having constant conversations about God and the world with our kids. We teach our children to be gentle and kind and to love God and people. We go to church on Sundays, where our kids love going to Sunday school and seeing their friends, and we love seeing our kids grow in their faith and love for God.

We want to love  
the people around us





We're excited to add  
more to this family photo!



Thank you for  
taking the time to  
get to know us!  
We can't wait to  
meet you.



# Thank you

We hope you feel deep peace as you make this tremendous decision. We want you to know that as a family, we value you and your child. Thank you for considering this difficult choice of adoption. We pray that God continues to lead you in the following months so that you can feel confident in whatever decision you make. While we have never had to consider adoption for our children, having delivered stillborn twins, we do know how it feels to walk into a hospital pregnant and leave empty-handed.

We want you to know  
we are here for you, and  
you are not alone.

If we are chosen, we will honor you and respect you in our home, and we hope to have a beautiful relationship.

Thank you for considering our family!

*Jacob, Kat,  
Kamila & Marvin*



What has the Lord commanded of you but to love  
mercy do justice and walk humbly before your God.

*Micah 6:8*