



Adam *and* Nina



Hello

First, we want to tell you that we are praying for you and your precious child every day. We understand this is a big decision and we are in awe of you, your courage, the love you have for your child, and the sacrifice you are making in considering adoption. We want you to know how thankful we are for you. If we are chosen we will honor you and we will make sure your baby knows they were loved first by you. Adam and I have so much love to give. While being unable to have biological children, we knew we could share our love through adoption. We would be honored if you would consider us, and hopefully through this profile book you get a peek into our lives and get to know us.

From all the love in our hearts,

Adam and Nina

This is Us

Adam and I met in 2016 while volunteering at our local church's high school youth ministry. We started out as friends, getting together for coffee and Cribbage on Sundays after church and just talking about life. After a few months, we started dating. We dated for three years, taking our time and preparing ourselves before our year-long engagement. We then did marriage preparation through our church before marrying in November 2020.

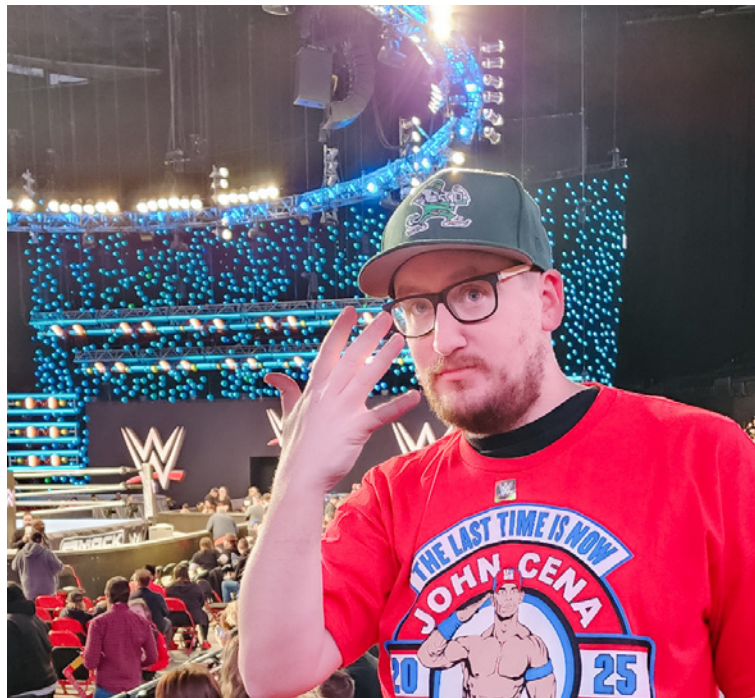
Our relationship has grown in love and understanding as the years have passed. The past five years have presented their own set of challenges, but we have learned to work together, understanding where we need to support each other and how to do so effectively. We still have disagreements, of course, but we also know what words to use to show our love, even when we aren't on the same page.





Due to medical reasons, having a biological child is not a possibility for us. Because of this, we had spoken early on in our relationship about adoption and decided it was what we both wanted. We prayed about this, had many conversations with friends and family, prayed some more, and lovingly trusted in God to set us on the journey we are currently on.





Adam

by Nina

Adam is funny, compassionate, logical, and the calm in any storm. He is always good for a pun or dad joke. He is patient and takes his time with his words, thinking of how his words will affect others. He loves sports and has an endless bank of knowledge about practically all of them. He supports all my wild dreams and leads me when I feel like I do not know which way to go. He is a huge foodie and is willing to try new things. He has a love of *Star Wars*, *Lord of the Rings*, and all things “nerdy.” I initially fell in love with him because he could make me laugh no matter what was happening in my life, always looking for the bright side. He is strong in a quiet, peaceful way. He doesn’t let limitations slow him down, he is always willing to try and learn something new.

Adam is a big goofball with our nieces and nephews. He teaches them how to play games, reading to them, and is great at being the fun uncle. When it comes to being the responsible adult, he is calm, firm, and direct with the kids, explaining all the whys. He is a practical joker and continuously introduces the kids to new things. He was most proud when our nephews asked to watch *Star Wars* for the first time with him. It was so sweet to see them cuddled up on the couch, Adam looking like he, too, had never seen the movie before.



Nina

by Adam

I met Nina while volunteering at a youth group at our local church, which told me she had a big heart for our faith. She has the most beautiful voice and shares it freely when praising God. She has a good sense of adventure, always ready to jump in the car and try new things and experiences. She is usually the first to help those around her and will volunteer without hesitation. She enjoys nerdy stuff like Harry Potter and all things Disney. Since being together, she has also developed a love for *Star Wars*, superheroes, and *The Lord of the Rings*. Her favorite season is fall and she would decorate for Christmas all year round if given the chance. I fell in love with her because she didn't judge me, despite my physical limitations. She gives me the dignity and respect to wait to be asked for help before assuming I'm incapable of doing so myself. We work well as a team, hold each other up and supporting each other to make our relationship 100-100%.

Nina adores children and jumps in to babysit our nieces and nephews. She enjoys playing with them and making sure they are safe and cared for. She uses many voices when reading books and has a way of talking to them to make them feel heard, even when she must be firm. Nina likes a good snuggle and is always ready to pull out the crafts and make a mess to make memories. She enjoys baking with them and appreciates their help whenever possible. She is good at helping them express their feelings in a healthy way.





Our Home

We live in a two-bedroom, one-bath home that we lovingly joke is shaped like a donut! It's our cozy space that has a large living room, and on the other side is our kitchen and dining room. We have a large, fenced back yard where we do a lot of our grilling, and we live across the street from the local middle school and elementary school. One of our favorite things is watching the middle school marching band practice before our Labor Day festival, as they go up and down the street, giving us our own private parade.

We live where mountains, ocean, and forests are all a short car ride away. Our schools offer a wide range of opportunities for children to learn, from agriculture to business. We have hiking trails, the river, Mt. Shasta for snow sports, and all the locals will tell you that floating down the river is a staple here. Living across the street from the schools, we have access to safe playgrounds, including a new one that has just been built with different drum stations to play on.

In Our Home We:

Dream without fear of failure

Pray first, speak second

Believe in the power of forgiveness



Meet Our Families

Adam

My family is very close. Aside from one sister, we all live within three miles of each other. I have three older sisters, three brothers-in-law, two nephews, and two nieces. We get together weekly to play games and enjoy good food, with everyone bringing something to share. My older sister, parents, and I, along with Nina, all sing in the choir at church. We take annual vacations for a week together, exploring new areas and delving into the history behind the places we've chosen. We enjoy a good board game, and we get competitive about our puzzle skills. We like watching soccer together and just being around each other. There is always a listening ear when you need someone to talk to.

Nina

I am from California, where most of my family lives. My parents and younger brother live in the Bay Area, where I was born. My older brother lives in Arizona with his wife and kids. My little sister lives in the next town over from us. We get together for holidays, where all my dad's family celebrates Thanksgiving in October, like a family reunion. We love a good excuse to get together, share some good food, and be a part of each other's lives. My sister and I often get together for shopping, hanging out, or crafting. On my mom's side, there are countless cousins who all live in California. Just like my dad's family, they'll always find an excuse to get together for good food and conversation.

When it comes to holidays, especially Christmas, we like to decorate the day after Thanksgiving (if I can't start Thanksgiving Day). We celebrate the 4th of July with BBQ and sparklers, and we always have a Super Bowl party, some years just to watch the commercials and enjoy some great food.





Adam

- Collects Curious George stuffed animals to give to loved ones undergoing cancer treatment
- Loves Star Wars, Marvel, DC, and all things superheroes
- Is a part of a cribbage group
- Loves to go to the local breweries and hang out with friends
- Comes from a family of board gamers, and likes to learn new games
- Loves the rain
- An avid ping pong player and self-proclaimed college champion
- Appreciates a good pun
- An unshakeable Seattle Mariners fan

Nina

- Is the craftiest person I know
- Very spontaneous and adventurous
- First to help when asked
- Disney-obsessed and dreams of being a Disneyland nurse someday
- Huge tea collector
- Loves audiobooks but collects real ones like trophies
- Can sing just about any genre of music
- Will do anything for the people she loves
- An amazing hospice nurse who loves deeply and treats all her patients like they are her own family



This *and* That

- We are huge dog people, and we have the most unique-looking dog named Bandit.
- We participate in the annual Walk for Hope to raise cancer awareness. Adam is a cancer survivor of childhood bladder cancer. It's where he received his first Curious George.
- Nina's Mexican background holds great significance for her; she enjoys learning about her culture and preparing traditional Mexican meals. She always cooks enough for ten people, ensuring there is enough food for unexpected visitors.
- We believe in building relationships with people and sprinkling God's love into our daily lives for others to see. We strive to be the best we can be, yet we also acknowledge that we are all broken.

Thoughts from Others

“Adam is the reason I am such a good hugger; he is amazing at it!” - RJ, Adam’s friend

“Adam and Nina are some of the most chill people I know. They speak lovingly about everyone and are refreshing for someone who doesn’t have a faith life.” - Ben

“These two are made for each other. They are the biggest nerds!” - Sam our best friend.





Goals *and* Plans

- Nina wants to get her RN and continue her work in hospice, helping as many people as possible. Adam wants to be an advocate for the patients he works with and is currently working his way up in the local hospital registration department.
 - We want to go on family pilgrimages to holy places to grow closer to God and learn about our faith.
 - We're planning to renovate our house and transform our backyard into a huge garden where we can grow and share plenty of food.
 - We want to go on family trips, learning about different cultures, traditions, and learn about where we come from, and hopefully help our future child do the same.
 - We want to provide as much as we can for our future child, helping them to grow in love and charity, and in practical ways like college funds, so they have the freedom and ability to go further than we ever dreamed we could. We will conduct extensive research on public vs private schools in our area and make the best decision based on the information available to us.
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Before You Go

If you choose us, you are choosing a family that will not only love your child but also love and honor you as well. We will ensure your precious child knows their heritage, has opportunities to learn about their culture, and receives all the love we can offer. We promise to raise them to be someone who will reach out a helping hand to those in need. We promise to let their imaginations soar and never put limits on their dreams. We promise to help them to grow closer to Christ through prayer. We promise to provide them with every educational opportunity, giving them the best chance possible to achieve their dreams. But most of all, we promise to make sure your sweet child knows they will not only be loved by us, but that you loved them from the very beginning. We will honor you, your sacrifice, and all the love you have for your baby.



