



Kimberly & Joel

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HELLO

We are so excited to meet you! We are the Lewis family. This book is obviously a way for you to get to know our family a little bit, but we are honestly looking forward to getting to know you as well! You are making a very beautiful and brave decision. Through this book you will very quickly see that we are far from perfect and a work in progress. Fortunately, God does not exclusively use perfect people to do good things. He uses people who are simply willing to try, and that is exactly what makes you and us so similar. You have decided to try something that is not the easiest option. We know that this is a very difficult choice with a lot of unknowns, but we deeply respect you for it. The courage it takes to make an adoption plan is rare and honorable.

The other thing that will very quickly become clear in this book is that we are part of an absolutely HUGE family full of love, joy, fun, and genuine support. We are truly blessed to have a ton of nieces and nephews, cousins, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and even both of our parents live nearby and love to help out. The even more miraculous thing is that we honestly all get along and actually like to spend time together. Our family dinners are epic! There is nothing we love more than eating good food with people we love.

Another essential part of who we are is our two little boys, Nathan and Judah. They are so much fun! Judah especially, is so excited about adopting. We love that he is excited right along with us.

So, enjoy the book and please reach out if you have any questions or want to know a little bit more. We are really looking forward to getting to know you!

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OUR STORY

A few weeks before I met Joel, my mom asked if she could set me up with someone—if she happened to meet a nice, single man. I told her she could, never imagining she actually would! Shortly after that conversation, she was visiting her neighbor Lynn and happened to meet Lynn's son, who was home for the summer. He was about the right age and single, so she gave him my number. (He didn't call.)

Maybe a week later, I was at my mom's house and she sent me out to water her plants at the edge of her property—right next to where Joel happened to be working for his dad. He struck up a conversation, and we ended up talking for over an hour. He asked me out and said he'd get my number from my mom. He actually had to ask for it again because she had written it down incorrectly the first time! He called the next day, and we went out for coffee shortly after.

That's when I learned Joel was a marine biologist living and working in Hawaii. Despite the distance, he loved spending time with his family and would come home during summers and holidays. We went on several dates while he was in town, and when he returned to Hawaii, we kept in touch and talked as often as we could. He came home for Christmas that year, and we officially became a couple.

We did long distance while I finished my final year of college and completed student teaching. I visited him in Hawaii over spring break, and by the following summer, Joel decided to move back to Spokane. He realized that if he truly wanted our relationship to grow, he needed to be here. We got engaged at the beginning of the next year and were married in July, just after I completed my first year of teaching. We rented a house for a couple of years before buying and fixing up our current home. From early on, we talked about foster care and adoption. We thought we might have biological children too, but adoption was always something we expected would be part of our story.

After nearly six years of marriage, we had our first baby. Becoming parents was a big adjustment—mostly due to sleep deprivation!—but it's grown our relationship in ways we never expected. Our love for each other is deeper and stronger. Parenting has deepened our appreciation for the value of each human life. Realizing that God loves each of us the way we love our kids (and even more!) has changed how we see and love others. We want to continue growing our family through adoption—not only to share that love with more children, but also because we both loved having siblings and still do. Our siblings are some of our best friends, and we want our kids to experience that same kind of deep, lifelong bond.





Meet Kimberly

Former High School Math Teacher, turned work from home mom

I grew up in a small community with both my parents and two younger sisters. We loved spending time together and being outside. We would ride our bikes all over the neighborhood, swim at the local lake, hike with our dad, and spend time at our grandparents house and farm with our cousins. I became a high school math teacher and truly loved working with high school students. After having our boys I wanted to be home with them though. Being a mom has changed me so much and for the better. I love watching them learn and grow. They are now the most precious part of my life.

I now work from home creating content for other teachers, so I still get to be involved in education a bit. I mostly spend a lot of time with our boys, my husband, family and church community. I'm incredibly passionate about connecting women together. I love to host friends and family and share a meal. I enjoy cooking and baking and feeding my family good food. I enjoy taking care of myself and walk everyday and exercise often. I love people, but also my alone time with a podcast or book. I've enjoyed many hobbies over the years and when time allows I like to read, paint or draw, and renovate my home or new furniture pieces.





What Joel Says About Kimberly

Kimberly is loving and kind and very smart. She values people and relationships above all else. She is sensitive and generous. Kimberly is truly a teacher at heart. Just like a teacher, she is constantly looking for ways to help those around her become a better version of themselves. Kimberly loves to be creative and she gives our kids opportunities to do the same. Whether she's facilitating imagination fueled playdough sessions or showing the boys how to make Christmas ornaments, Kimberly thrives when using her God-given creativity to help little brains and little hearts grow.



Meet Joel

Communications Technician
Part-time Pastor of a tiny church

It feels so weird to write something about yourself! I really enjoy being around people, and I love to laugh and make others laugh. I come from a massive family (8 kids) so I prefer to be around people rather than being alone. I love to fix things and solve problems. I used to think that being an uncle was the best thing ever, and then I got to be a dad. It is hard, but really fun. If I could choose anybody to hang out with it would actually be my family. As cheesy as that sounds, they are seriously so much fun! I love playing with my boys and going on adventures, and bike rides, and going swimming.

Right after college, I spent a few years in Hawaii working in marine biology. I got to travel all over the ocean and see so many amazing creatures: whales, sharks, dolphins, and sea turtles. When I wasn't working I loved to surf, snorkel, jump off waterfalls, and explore the jungle. As adventurous and exciting as all of that was, I would 100% pick the life where I get to be a husband and a dad who is active and involved.





What Kimberly Says About Joel

Joel is the life of any room. Loud and chaotic, joyful and caring, funny, brilliant, and incredibly quick-witted. After nearly ten years of marriage he is still able to surprise me with the things that he knows, the things he has paid attention to, and the way his mind works. Joel compliments me well— when I'm shy, he is outgoing; when I'm anxious, he is calm and steady. Joel loves God and people. I adore his heart for his family and friends. He is amazing with our kids. I love parenting with him. He has so much love and patience for our boys. He is a steady and consistent father, but also their biggest play companion. His imagination matches theirs and they always have fun with him. They adore him, and he cherishes them. It is the BEST thing to witness every day.



Meet Judah

Judah is our oldest. He loves to play and build and learn. He has a gigantic imagination. He especially loves to have a job or a task or something to fix. He loves to explore but he's also very cautious. He loves little babies (which is convenient since he has a little brother) and it is super cute to watch how gentle he is with little ones. He is shy with new people, but loves to be with friends and family. Nearly everyday he asks who we get to see that day.



Meet Nathan

Nathan is our youngest and he loves to play, especially outside. He also loves to explore and he is much more fearless than his older brother. He loves to read books and snuggle. He wants to be just like his older brother Judah and he tries to do everything that he does. He is quiet and observant with people and enjoys watching and learning from what everyone around him is doing.





Christmas lights tradition



Cousins visit the farm



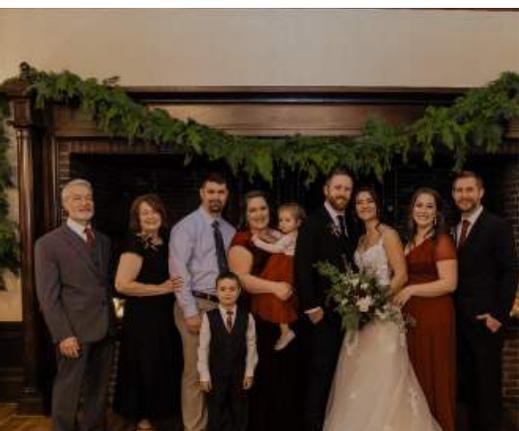
Joel's family



Joel's family dancing



All the cousins!



Kimberly's sister's wedding



Christmas cousins



Beach Trip!



Christmas time



Kimberly's family



Christmas PJ's

FAMILY VALUES

Family is incredibly important to us. We have a large network of extended family that we are very close with and they are so excited to welcome a new family member. Both sets of grandparents live within a 20 minute drive and we spend time together often. Both grandmas (the kids call them Mimi and Bugga) come over regularly to play with our boys to allow Kimberly time to work. Joel comes from a family of 8 kids, many of which live close to us. We get together often and many of us go to the same church. Auntie Olivia and cousin Ava are also regular babysitters that our boys adore. Kimberly is very close with her two sisters, they are her best friends. Kaitlyn lives close by and we see her and her husband frequently. Sarah lives about 6 hours away, but Kimberly and her FaceTime daily and try to get both families together a few times a year.

Summer vacation to the Oregon coast has been a cherished tradition for Joel's side of the family for decades. Kimberly's sister, Sarah, and her family live on a little island we visit regularly to explore the coast and play in the ocean. One of Joel's brothers is a park ranger in the same area, which makes for a fun, cousin-filled trip. Holidays are always celebrated with family. Everyone comes to our town for holiday celebrations. During the summer we have everyone over for big BBQ's. We absolutely love having family around and we have prioritized creating strong bonds between extended family, especially between our kids and their grandparents.

Our lives are deeply shaped by our relationship with God, and we strive to live in a way that reflects God's love for others. Every person is made intentionally by God, and carries immeasurable worth and dignity. These values shape how we treat others and how we hope to raise our children—with compassion, respect, and a deep understanding of their own value and the value of those around them.

Family is at the heart of who we are. We cherish quality time together—whether it's sharing a meal, laughing with friends, or simply being present with one another. Some of our favorite moments happen around the dinner table, where good food and meaningful conversations bring people together. As parents, we want to nurture a love for learning and help our children grow into thoughtful, curious individuals who ask questions, think critically, and engage the world with kindness and confidence. Most of all, we want them to know they are loved deeply—not for what they do, but simply for who they are.



Joels' family



Family at the beach



Our Little Part of the World

We bought our home in 2017 and we have completely made it our own. Our home has 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, 1 upstairs living room and 1 downstairs living room (or playroom more accurately), and an office for Kimberly. Our house fits our family perfectly, with some room to grow.

It sits in a quiet neighborhood in the heart of town. We are close to everything and to the people we do life with. We have a great corner lot, with a large maple tree out front with a swing for the kids. Our backyard is fenced and we hope to have another dog someday. There are even a couple areas set aside for the boys to dig and play in the dirt to their heart's content. There is a park a few blocks away and we are able to go for walks and play at the park several times a week. We are also able to host large family and friend get togethers which is always incredibly fun!

Our friends from church make up a big part of our community. We have a ton of friends who have kids the same age as our kids, so we love to get together for dinner or just to play. There are many friends and family members close by that we can see often or trade meals with if anyone is going through a challenging season of life. Weekly we hangout with our community group and Kimberly hosts a mom's group at our church. These are a highlight of our boys' weeks because they love getting to play with all their friends.

We live in the middle of town, but in a quiet neighborhood. We are close to everything! Libraries, parks, splash pads and pools, rivers and hiking trails. The area we are in is a great place for being out in nature all year round.



Hobbies & Fun

We love to go on walks, bike rides, and hikes as a family often

We play at the park weekly

Swimming, fishing, paddle boarding, and BBQ's with family are always apart of our summers

Big Lewis Family trips to the ocean are always loads of fun!

During the winter we love to play in the snow, ice skate and drive for hours looking at Christmas lights

Kimberly bakes and cooks a lot and always includes the boys

Joel is always working on a project and the boys follow and help and learn how to do everything right along with him!

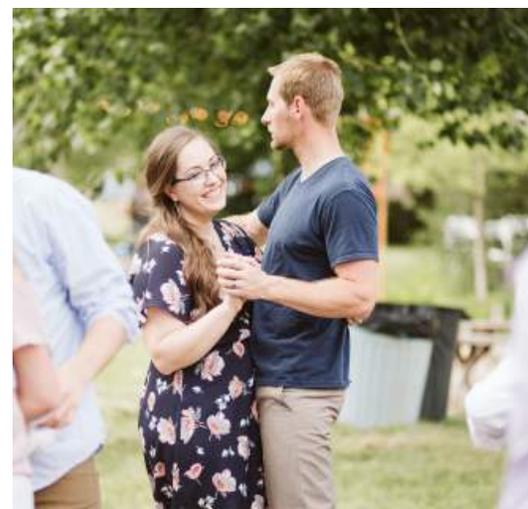
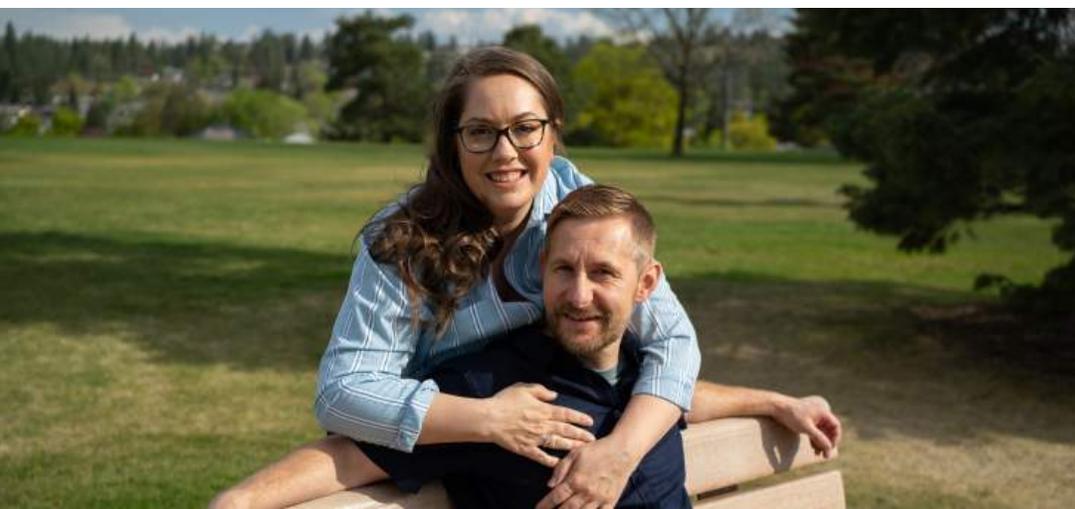




Parenting & Adoption

Kimberly taught highschool math before we had our kids. She has a huge heart for teenagers. Now our kids are the most important part of our lives. We love and cherish them so much and we want them to feel that deep down to the core of their being. We want them to know their worth and that they are created in God's image.

You will forever be a big part of this child's story. We believe it is immensely important for this child to know where they come from and their unique culture and identity. We think an open adoption is going to be the best way to make that happen. We want this child to know about their special adoption journey and to take pride in where and who they come from.





Father's Name:
Joel

Occupation:
Communications Technician & Pastor

Education:
Bachelor of Science in Biology

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
02/10/1984

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Hazel

Height:
6'



Mother's Name:
Kimberly

Occupation:
Stay at home mom and Virtual Assistant

Education:
**Bachelor of Arts in Math Education
Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction**

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
03/30/1989

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Brown

Height:
5' 6"

Family Information

Date of marriage: 07/03/2015

Children: Judah was born in April 2021 and is a kind and curious little boy. Nathan was born in July 2023 and has been a joyful addition to our family.

Interest and hobbies: We both have a huge love of being outdoors and we see that love growing in our boys as well. Joel enjoys mountain biking, snowboarding, and swimming the most. Kimberly enjoys walks and hikes. We both love spending time with our family and close friends and fostering those relationships. Kimberly also enjoys baking and reading when time allows.

Home: We live in a quiet neighborhood in a four bedroom, two bath house on a corner lot. We have a huge maple tree out front with a little swing hanging from its branches. We are close to a park and go for walks and play there multiple times a week.

Pets: We had a dog for quite a while, and he passed away shortly after Nathan was born. We want to get another dog eventually, but just haven't felt ready to add one just yet.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: We have always been passionate about foster care and adoption, since we first got married. After having two of our own kids, we still desire to have more children, but hope for something more stable for our boys than foster care. We truly feel that this is what God is calling and directing us to do. We love kids and view them as the most valuable people in our lives, that deserve parents to love and invest in them. We want to be able to do that for more children, whoever God has picked for us.

Openness to birthparent(s): This is not something that we have taken lightly and have prayed a lot about, and will continue to do so. We believe an open adoption is in the best interest of the child so that they can know themselves a little better by knowing where they come from. We hope to share regular updates with photos, letters, phone calls or emails. We are also open to in person visits over the year and would love to include you for special milestones. Our hope would be to build an honest, respectful relationship with you so this child knows how loved they are.

Childcare plans: Kimberly stays at home with the kids and we have no plans to change that. We plan to homeschool our kids and get them involved in local co-ops, sports or other activities that they are interested in. Kimberly does work some from home and if she needs to work while Joel is also working we use her mom, Pam (Mimi), Joel's sister, Olivia, or Joel's mom, Lynn (Bugga), to play with the kids.



THANK YOU

Thank you, so, so much for taking time to learn about our family and considering us for the privilege of loving this child for the rest of our lives. We're sure that this is a very challenging decision to make, but we believe that you are strong and brave for even considering this as the best option for your child. We hope to continue this journey with you and stay in touch throughout this child's life.

Praying for you,

Kimberly & Joel