

Scott Family Adoption Story

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JOE: IF YOU HAVE THE LOVE TO GIVE, WHY NOT GIVE.

This is the story of the Scott family
Topeka, Kansas

JOE AND TERESA SCOTT COULDN'T QUITE AGREE ON THE RIGHT FAMILY SIZE. HE WANTED A LARGE FAMILY—SHE WANTED A SMALL ONE. SO THEY COMPROMISED. AFTER HAVING TWO CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN, THEY DECIDED IT'S TIME TO ADD ONE MORE.

JOE: IT'S A VERY EXCITING JOURNEY. YES.

WITH INPUT FROM THEIR BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN, THEY MADE THE DECISION TO ADOPT. TERESA RESEARCHED THE PROCESS. AND THEY GOT STARTED.

TERESA: I ALWAYS TELL PEOPLE THAT IT'S FREE. IT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING TO EDUCATE YOURSELF ON WHAT IT TAKES TO ADOPT.

AFTER COMPLETING THE REQUIRED TRAINING, THEY WAITED...TERESA SAYS, THE TOUGHEST PART OF THE PROCESS.

TERESA: IT'S NOT REALLY THE WAIT OF WAITING TO GET THE CHILD. IT WAS THE WAIT OF WONDERING IF YOU WOULD BE SELECTED. THAT WAS MIND-WRECKING, BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON OR WAIT.

SOON, THE WAITING WAS OVER. THE SCOTT FAMILY MET THE LITTLE GIRL WHO THEY ARE NOW PREPARING TO ADOPT.

Facetime nats of a hellos

TERESA: SO SWEET. AND WE WERE PRESENTED HER CASE AND WE BASICALLY FELL IN LOVE. WE SHOWED HER PICTURE TO OUR BIO KIDS AND ASKED THEM HOW THEY FELT ABOUT HAVING A SISTER. AND WE JUST KIND OF MADE IT A FAMILY DEAL. SO FAR, WITH OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE CHILD, SHE IS WONDERFUL.

Facetime nats conversation back and forth.

THE SCOTT FAMILY SAYS THEY ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO CONSIDER ADOPTION. IT'S WORTH THE WAIT.

JOE: I THINK IF YOU'RE WILLING TO OPEN YOUR HOME, YOU SHOULD.

If you're interested in adoption, call 877-457-5430.

We'll help you begin the process.

Who will love me?

I will love you.