

# The Zuber Family Story Script

Kyle Zuber: “You just have to realize that these are kids who need families; these are the kids that need a family that are going to show them the love and support that they really never got.”

This is the story of the Zuber family Wichita, Kansas

Kyle Zuber: “We had always wanted to adopt. It was something that we had discussed before we got married and we were very passionate about that. We kind of planned that we would have a child and then adopt, but then for whatever reason we were unable to have a child, so um, one of the things we felt really strong about was we should continue with our passion for adopting.”

Kyle was adopted and so was his mother.

Kyle Zuber: “So it’s been something that’s very important for our family, very close, near and dear.”

Kyle and Lori began the process in 2011. They went to classes and were asked about their preferences.

Kyle Zuber: “Honestly, you have to go into it with an open heart and an open mind, realizing that a lot of the kinds that are in the foster system are there because of bad situations, bad pasts, things that happened that are really unfortunate and they have some really heart-tugging stories to listen to.”

The Zubers say they can’t change a child’s past, but they can make sure the child in their care has a brighter future.

Lori Zuber: "And it ended up that god lead us to this one child, a single boy that was 11 at the time. Older than we originally thought, but it worked out well and we started the process of visiting him and spending time with him."

Within a month, the 11-year-old boy was living with them.  
After six months, the recommendation was made to finalize the adoption.

Kyle Zuber: "I think that's one of the keys, even when you're in this placement period, to making this work is having him understand, having the child understand that you are not giving up on them. It's not like their past. You're not kicking them out; they aren't going to be taken away from you. (contd) It doesn't matter what you do, you can test us as much as you want, but we're committed to you. We want you to be our child."

The Zubers say they hope more families will consider adoption.  
Every child deserves to know the love of a family.

Lori Zuber: "We've talked about how amazing it would be if kansas was the first state to have every kid in foster care adopted. If you think about it, it's very possible."

Kyle Zuber: "It just takes someone with a willing heart and an open home to bring them in."

Lori Zuber: "We love to tell our story and even our son Jaden, he loves to tell the story too. He likes to tell people he's adopted. He doesn't call us adopted mom and dad. We're mom and dad to him."