

# John + Ashley



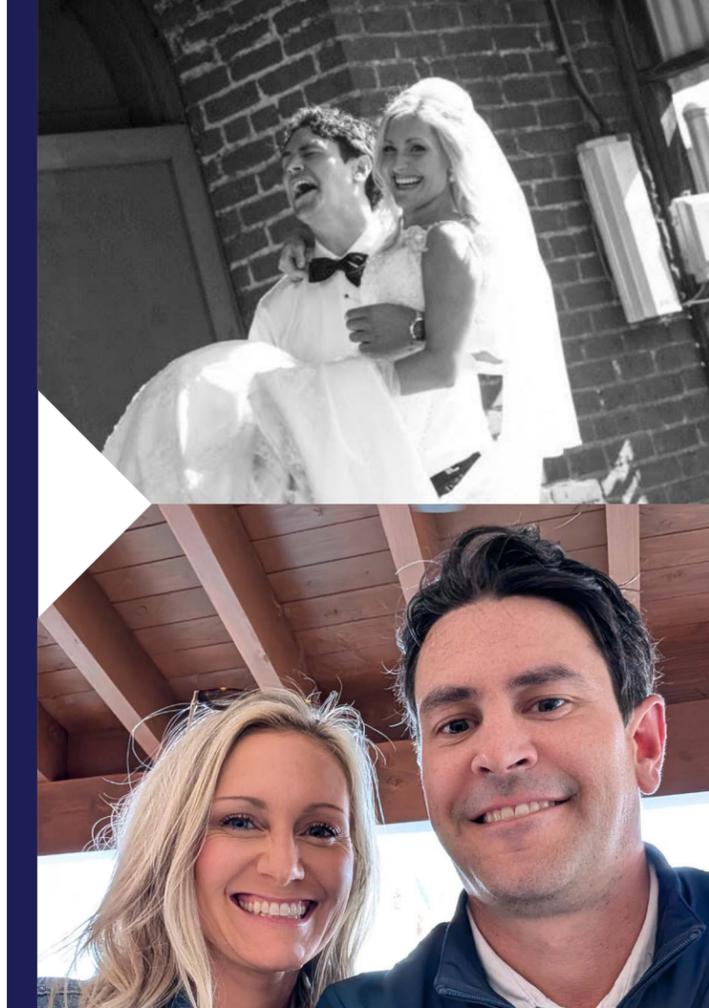
# Hi There,

Before we start telling you about ourselves, we truly admire the decision you are making. We have a deep love and respect for you as we can only imagine this decision takes a lot of courage and thoughtfulness. Adoption has always been on our hearts, and we are excited to hopefully welcome a child to our family through adoption. We are committed to including you in your child's life as much as you wish.

We hope you connect with our family as you view our profile. We are a fun, adventurous family who has a lot of love to share. We are excited for you to get to know our family and have a peek into our daily life.

With love,

*John & Ashley*



## Our Story

Our story began with a blind date set up by Ashley's brother-in-law who worked with John. The first coffee date led to an 8-hour date, which led to getting engaged 7 months later. It was pretty much love at first sight! We got married in 2014 at a beautiful church. We bought our first house, Ashley continued teaching, and John grew his business. We desired to start our family, but experienced infertility for a few years before welcoming our first son, Jack, in 2017. We were blessed to welcome Ella in 2019 and Luke in 2022 but sadly experienced the loss of their baby sister between those pregnancies.

As a family, we enjoy riding bikes around the neighborhood loop, walking to the park, cooking family meals, outdoor outings at the beach, and family trips to the lake and mountains. We attend church every Sunday and are a part of our church community. We are surrounded by family and friends who we spend a lot of time with.

**“Family time-whether at the park, beach, or lake-  
is our favorite place to be.”**



# Meet Ashley *by John*

Ashley has always been the rock of our family. She always puts everyone else first, making sure myself and the kids are always taken care of. This is seen by home cooked meals, packed snacks, extra clothes, and every necessity that I would've forgotten. I love her empathy for the kids and being in the moment when they are going through life's little challenges. She is always the first one for a hug and a caring word. She is absolutely selfless and gives everything to our kids. I love her passion for education for the kids which she has instilled in our children. My favorite memories are her sledding down snow hills with our kids just giggling with joy and dance parties with our littles in the kitchen. I am blessed that I get to do life with her.



## *more about Ashley*

**Occupation:** Retired teacher, now stay at home mom  
**Favorite movie:** Elf  
**Favorite place:** Hawaii  
**Can't live without:** My family and time outside  
**My perfect day:** Outdoor coffee on the deck, walking with the family to the park, stopping at the ice cream shop for a yummy treat, and snuggling on the couch with my family.



# Meet John *by Ashley*

John is the love of my life and my best friend. He loves unconditionally and is always thinking about how he can serve others. One of my favorite things about John is that he loves learning. He will tell us the most random facts, and I feel like we learn something new from him every day. John is the type of person who has had many life experiences- from winning nationals for chess, to living all over the world including Europe, Africa, and South America. I love that he can speak multiple languages and his stories from his adventures are the best. He always surprises me with all that he can do, and I love that he never stops learning. He has the best sense of humor, and he has thought of some pretty hilarious dad jokes. John genuinely cares about others and their life stories and strives to love and support all those in his life.



## *more about John*

**Occupation:** Finance  
**Favorite movie:** Shrek  
**Favorite place:** Alaska  
**Can't live without:** A morning cup of coffee and my family  
**My perfect day:** Coffee, chicken fried steak, walk to the park, nap, football game on the TV, out to dinner with the family, and a movie to cap it off.





# Meet Ella

Ella is our extrovert! Everywhere she goes, her mission is to meet a new best friend. Currently, she has over 1,000 best friends who she amazingly remembers by name and location. She is the ultimate big sister to “the boys,” even though she is the middle child.



*more about Ella*  
**Age:** 7  
**Occupation:** Artist and Social Coordinator  
**Favorite movie:** Anything Disney Princess  
**Can't live without:** Music, Friends, Family, and her Mermaid Girl stuffy  
**Her perfect day:** Start out with drawing and crafts, outside activities, meeting new friends, and ending with a dance party.

# Meet Jack

Jack is our oldest and is the best big brother. Jack loves being outdoors fishing or playing sports but is also an encyclopedia of random facts and loves learning. Ask him questions about animals, dinosaurs, sharks, or Pokémon and be ready for an hour-long conversation.



*more about Jack*  
**Age:** 8  
**Occupation:** Shark and Animal Expert  
**Favorite book:** Wild Kratts or anything about animals  
**Can't live without:** Fruit, Animals, and Family  
**His perfect day:** Going fishing with my family at the family beach place and snuggling on the couch.

# Meet Luke

Luke is our lucky-J. He has the best sense of humor and pretty great dance moves. Luke is the life of the party, whether he knows it or not. Luke is the cuddler of the family and always wants to hold hands.



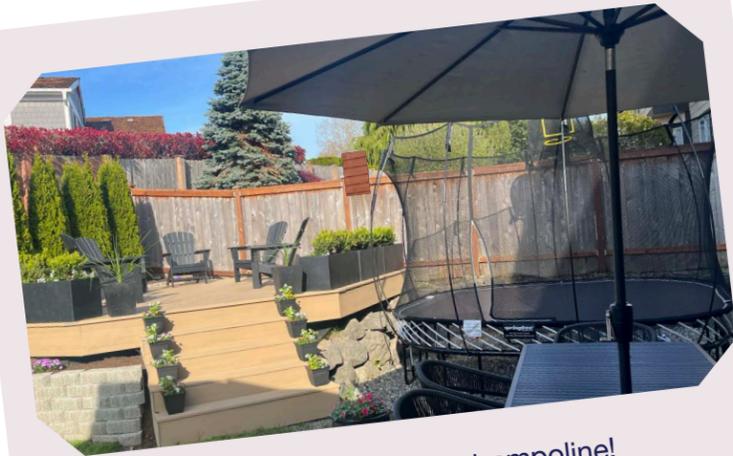
*more about Luke*  
**Age:** 4  
**Occupation:** Mommy's sidekick  
**Favorite movie/book:** Anything Paw Patrol  
**Can't live without:** Pancakes and his wrestling matches with brother  
**His perfect day:** Puzzles and monster trucks in the morning, bike rides and wrestling, followed by dinner and a nice movie.

# Home Sweet Home

We live in a beautiful city in Washington state that is surrounded by water and close to the mountains. Our home is in a great neighborhood with a lot of other families with kids of all ages. We call them the bike crew as they go from one house to another, picking up friends along the way.

Our home has 4 bedrooms and a pretty epic playroom filled with fun toys and lots of books. During the warmer months, we love spending our time in our backyard grilling, playing on the play set, and jumping on the trampoline. The cooler months bring us inside where you will find us cooking a yummy homemade meal while the kids play with all their games and toys.

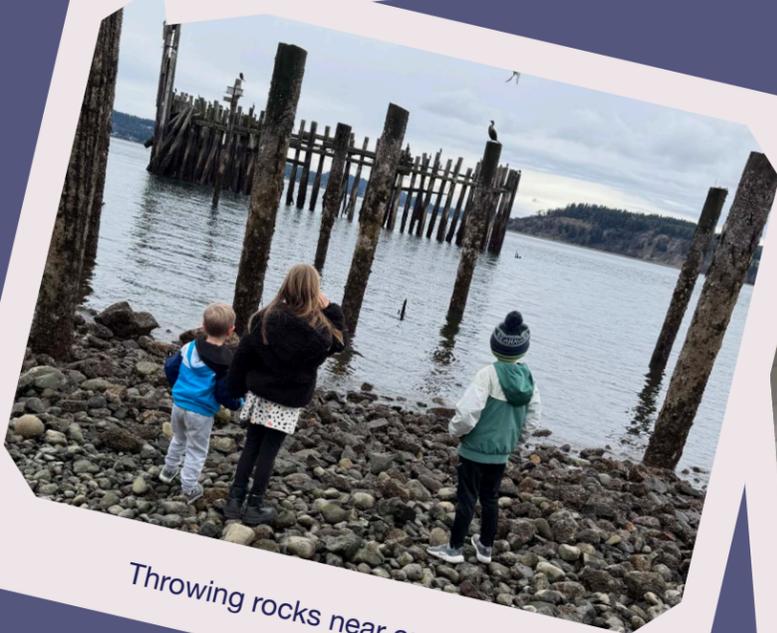
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All of the kids love our trampoline!



Our epic playroom!



Throwing rocks near our home



Making a family meal



# Our Extended Family

**Written by Ashley:** My extended family is spread across Washington, Oregon, North Dakota, and Arizona, and we are very close. We love any excuse to be together—holidays, lake trips, and mountain weekends. There's always amazing food, lots of laughter, and cousins playing everywhere. Time together with my family is something I truly cherish.

**Written by John:** Most of my family lives in Washington, and I also have family outside of Paris from when I lived in France. My parents and brothers live nearby, so we spend a lot of time together, especially holidays at my parents' house and summers at the beach. Staying close to my family, both here and in France, means so much to me, and I look forward to sharing those connections with our children.



John's godson from France



Ashley and her sisters



Cousin time at the park



John's family

# Our Friends

We have the most wonderful group of friends from school, church, extra-curricular activities, and our neighborhood. We love to get together with our friends often, whether it's through play dates, park meet ups, church activities, hosting them for dinner, or sport games.



Ashley's family



Friend trip to the mountains



Jack with some soccer friends

# Fun Facts About Us



**Every Christmas we wear matching PJs.**



**We are big sports fans!**



**We love to travel and go on adventures!**



**Every Halloween we host friends for the big neighborhood trick-or-treating party.**



**We love being outside. Between fishing, walking, riding bikes, playing at the park, or in the backyard on our playset and trampoline.**



**Game time is a must. It starts in the morning with puzzles and trivia, ends with board games.**



**Ashley was a teacher and uses all she learned as a teacher with her own children.**



**John's old soccer team won nationals and was inducted into the hall of fame. Now, he coaches our son's soccer team.**

# Why Adoption?

Adoption is something that has been on our hearts for a long time. We have been blessed with biological children, but have dealt with loss and infertility on our journey as well. God has put adoption on our hearts again and we desire to grow our family. Our children also ask for another sibling all the time. We have been blessed to see how beautiful adoption is through our own family and friends. Our dear friends have adopted two boys and one of them is our godson. John's dad was adopted, as well as Ashley's brother-in-law. John's mom used to counsel expecting mothers. Ashley's younger sister was a foster mom, and Ashley taught many students who were adopted.



## Our promises

- To provide a home that is filled with love and laughter.
- To love your child unconditionally.
- To provide the best and highest level of education possible and encourage your child to pursue their gifts and passions.
- To provide a community of family and friends that will love and support them.
- To teach your child about their cultural and family heritage.
- To honor their adoption story. We will make sure they always know that you love them and how brave you are.



## Thank You

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us! This is just a peek into our daily lives, we have so much love and adventures to share! If we are lucky enough to be considered to parent your child, we would love to share more. If you feel up to it, we would love the opportunity to get to know you and your baby too. We have a deep love and respect for you as you walk through this journey, and we promise to keep you and your baby in our thoughts and prayers.

With love,

*John & Ashley*

