





#### **WE ARE RYAN AND VICTORIA**

Hello! We are Ryan and Victoria and we are so happy to introduce ourselves and our family to you. We live in Northwest Arkansas, have five kids, and love the Ozarks.

#### A little bit about us:

We love hiking, biking, and spending time outdoors as a family. We love traveling the country and seeing historic sites and different landscapes. Our kids are very imaginative and can come up with fun games in any situation! We love being around them. They provide our home with so much fun, joy, and laughter. Most importantly, we are a Christian family and strive to put Christ at the center of our lives and pass that on to our children.





#### WE MET AS LITTLE KIDS...

When we were kids, our families went to the same church and we did some things together as kids like visiting an Amish community. Over time, our families left to go to different churches.

But we got reunited at a mutual friend's wedding. We both remembered our time together as kids!

We started formally dating shortly after that in October 2009 and never really looked back. We were engaged by July 2010 and married in June 2011. Fun fact: our ten year anniversary was spent in the hospital giving birth to Nolan, our two year old. :)





#### ADOPTION WAS ALWAYS ON OUR HEART

We have always known we would have a big family and knew there were many ways to make that happen. After having five biologically, it was time to start exploring all the options to continue growing our family. Our family doesn't feel complete yet and we are so excited to have settled on adoption!

We chose adoption because we want to open our home and be available for a child who needs a home, for whatever reason. While we know adoption isn't easy, we believe we can offer a home full of love and laughter and can provide a stable environment for the child.







- I love to bake
- Before becoming a mom i worked as a nanny and loved it
- I took Irish dancing lessons as a teenager

#### A B O U T M E

Victoria was born in
Springfield, MO and lived
her whole life there until
she was 29! She's the
middle child in a family of
three girls. Her parents
love the grandkids
Victoria has provided
them and love to take
them to the beach from
their home in Florida.
Her older sister has two
kids and lives in Ozark,
MO.

Since childhood, Victoria always had a nurturing heart

She is a stay-at-home mom and loves every minute of it. She's known since she was a little girl that her main goal in life was to be a mom of a large family. She's well on her way!

#### ABOUT VICTORIA IN RYAN'S WORDS

#### "WHERE DO I BEGIN?

She is my greatest friend.

Victoria is the greatest thing to ever happen to me. I am so blessed God brought us together. I had a hunch I had met my wife the first time we reunited after knowing each other as kids. I could just tell she valued the right things.: people and family over career, status, and material things. I wouldn't want anyone else by my side.











A B O U T M E

Ryan was born in Rolla, MO and moved to Springfield, MO as a seven year old. His best memories of childhood are taking road trips with his family to the National Parks and playing golf with his grandpa. His parents love to have all the grandkids around playing at their house and 15 acres of land in Ozark, MO. He has one younger sister with three kids in St. Louis, MO.

Ryan is a CPA and does tax consulting. He loves to hike, bike, and play golf. And he loves it even more when he gets to do those things with his kids. He loves being a dad. He's found fatherhood to be something that has really shaped what he wants and finds meaningful out of life.

FACTS

- I played tennis in high school
- I love to read historical nonfiction
- I have a goal to visit all National Parks in the US

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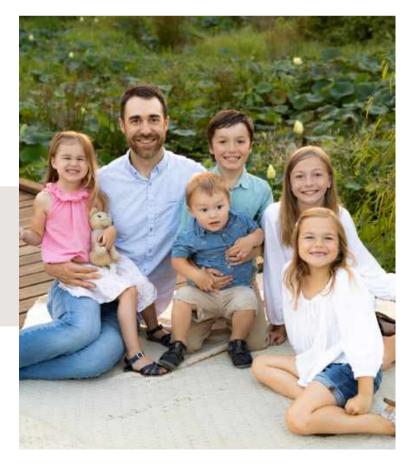
#### "I AM HIS ABSOLUTE

biggest fan!"

Ryan is a wonderful father and husband for our family. He is incredibly patient and kind. He never raises his voice. He works very hard to provide for the family so I can stay home with the kids and keeps the house lighthearted and fun, especially when others are feeling stressed and upset.

IN VICTORIA'S WORDS







#### OUR FAMILY

We love our family. The kids bring so much joy to the home. Sure they have their tough moments, but overall the kids are the brightest spot in our lives.

Ellie is the oldest at 10 and has faced some hardships.

When she was five, she was diagnosed with Type 1

Diabetes but has been so brave in getting treatment. It seems like a normal part of life now. Lincoln is 8 and loves to make people laugh and play baseball. He's a great brother to his siblings. Aspen is 6 and is sweet as can be. Her and her little siblings love to play family together. Isla is 4 and is inseparable from her big sister Aspen. They love playing anything together. Nolan is 2 and is the baby of the family right now. He gets kind of spoiled from all his big siblings!

#### **OUR TRADITIONS**

Family fun time is very important to us. From vacations to weekend getaways to fun local weekends, we love to make memories together. We go to church as many Sundays as possible. Early in the year we love to go on hikes when there's a warmer day. We spend time reading together and watching shows. As spring arrives we love to bike and hike and go to the farmers markets when they start. We usually have an Easter Egg hunt at Grandma's house. Summer brings family vacations and swimming time. We try to take a week long trip somewhere every year. During the fall we like to do a weekend getaway somewhere to enjoy the cool air and fall colors. A pumpkin patch is usually in order! Then the holiday season is always a favorite. Family get togethers for Thanksgiving and Christmas bring lots of fun. Our family Christmas always has delicious cinnamon rolls for breakfast after presents are opened and the Christmas story is read.



### HOME SWEET HOME









## We live in a 4 bedroom 3.5 bath home...

Our house in Arkansas is still fairly new to us but we love it! We moved to Arkansas in March 2023 to a 4 bedroom 3.5 bath home. We picked this specific home because it was on a cul-de-sac with a farm behind us and no one beside us. We have big trees surrounding the back and side of the yard. We have a nice sized back yard completely fenced in with a trampoline for the kids to have fun and play in. Ryan works from home and has an office off of the master bedroom. Right now the girls share a bedroom and the boys share a bedroom. The fourth bedroom is used as a playroom and future nursery.

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#### **ABOUT SIMBA**

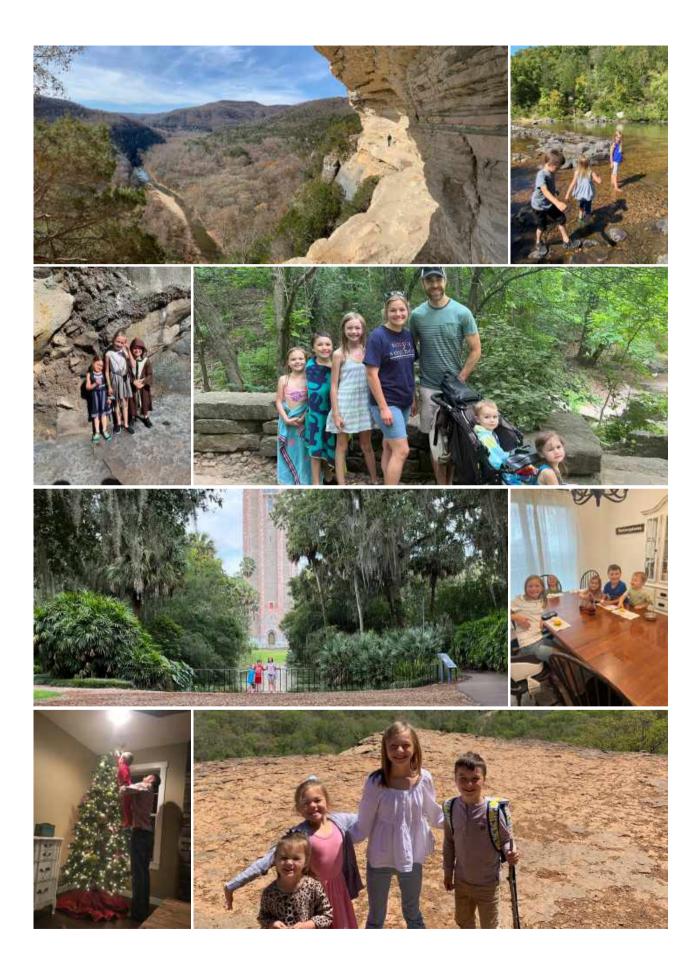
Simba is our outdoor kitty. He is the absolute sweetest cat i have ever met. He loves the kids so much and will stay with them when they're outside. He will even jump up on the trampoline with them!

# TO U R OWN











Over our married life we have had some wonderful vacation experiences. We've been to Hawaii twice, once for our honeymoon and once to cruise around the islands. We love how you can be in the mountains and on the beach in the same day. There's also incredible history there with Pearl Harbor. When Ellie was a little baby, we took a trip to Italy. We visited Rome, Pompeii, Florence, and Venice. It was such a neat experience! Then after Lincoln was born, we took the family of four on a trip to Scottsdale, Arizona. We had a wonderful time at a resort and took a day trip to Sedona. Over the years we've spent sever weeks in Florida at the beach with Grandma and Grandpa too. Then once Aspen arrived we took several trips to Disney world, which is always a favorite for the kids and adults alike! We spent some time in Colorado on a family trip too, enjoying the cool mountain air and Great Sand Dunes National Park. After Isla and Nolan were born we've taken several more trips to Disney World. For this year, we have a trip planned to South Dakota to visit Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills.

OUR FAVORITE PLACE EVER: KAUAI, HAWAII
WEIRDEST FOOD WE'VE HAD: ALLIGATOR IN FLORIDA
GREATEST EXPERIENCE: POMPEII

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#### Dear Mama,

We know this isn't a decision you have come to lightly. We are praying for you to have peace and know whatever decision you make is right. We promise we will talk about you daily, how much you love this child and how selfless you were in your decision. We promise to raise them to know God loves them and that he is a good Father. We promise to honor their feelings about being adopted and always have a listening ear. We promise to love this child unconditionally and treat them the same as we would one of our other children. We will pray for you always and honor your memory to

the child always.

In love,

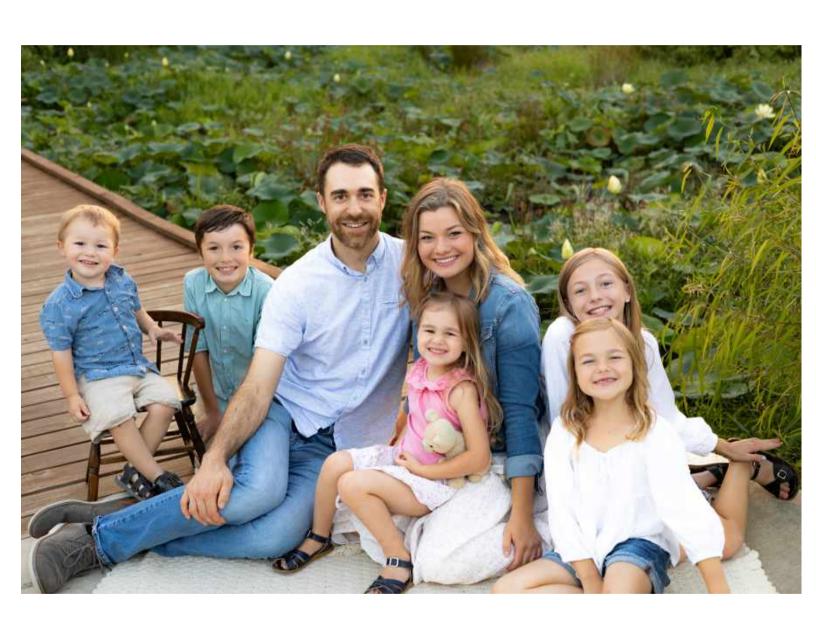
Ryan and Victoria





Thank you so much for taking the time to read about us. We know this isn't an easy choice and pray you make the best decision for you and your child. We wish you all the best!!

with love RYAN & VICTORIA





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get to be

