

# Cory & Jodi

"Thank you" will never encompass the gratitude we have for you. We are so incredibly grateful that you have chosen adoption, and are over the moon that you may be considering us as adoptive parents for your child! We want you to know that with all the uncertainty that lies before us, what we know for certain is how much your child will be loved. As you look through our book to see the story your child will be joining, it will only be part of their story. What we will experience together and the story of adoption will be part of their story from the first time we hold him or her in our arms.

Your child will be raised in a home with parents who love each other endlessly and dance in the kitchen! He or she will be showered with endless hugs and kisses, taken to the park on pretty days, and stay inside to make crafts on rainy ones. We long for our home to be filled with the sounds of the love of a child; the giggles, the little footsteps and the pops of sippy cups tapping the floors. Even when the sounds of cries wake us up in the night, we'll be so grateful to have him or her to tend to and soothe.

We have so much love to give and so many experiences we want to share! Know that we are praying for you and your precious baby throughout your pregnancy, and that God will fill you with peace in whatever decision you make.

-Jodi & Cory



...and Maxwell!



Cory is intelligent, passionate and hilarious!

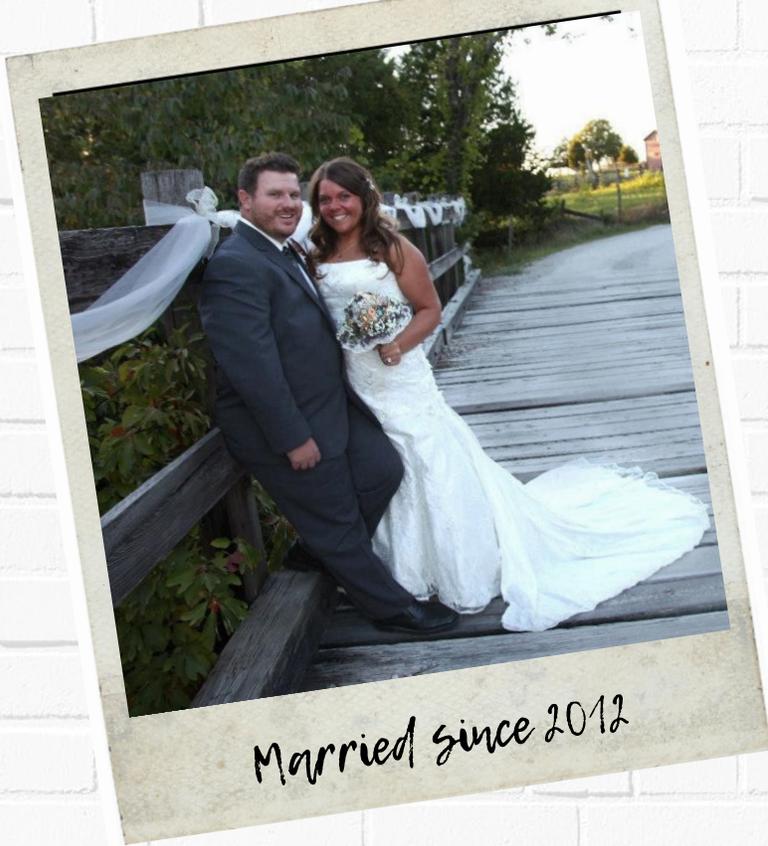


Jodi is creative, joyful and caring!

# Openness

Wherever the road may take us, know that you will always be the beginning to your child's story, and forever a part of who he or she will become.

We would love to be able to share pictures and letters with you, and will wholeheartedly honor the promises that are made. We want you to know that no matter what, you will always have a place in our hearts, our family and our lives.



Married since 2012

## Our Adoption Journey

Our plan was to have a biological child, then when he or she was in late elementary or middle school, we hoped to become a foster family. As teachers, we see so many of our kids who are in need of a place where they are safe and loved. Even if only for a little while, we wanted to be that place for as many kids that needed us if we could.

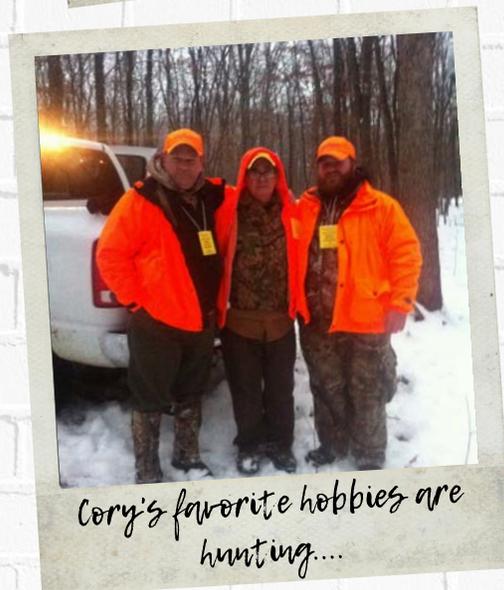
We made those plans, but God had another path for us to follow. We endured so much loss and what seemed like endless uncertainty when trying to start our family. After years of feeling lost, we felt the path of adoption opening up to us.



Cory teaches high school American History and Government...



...he also coaches Golf and Basketball!



Cory's favorite hobbies are hunting...

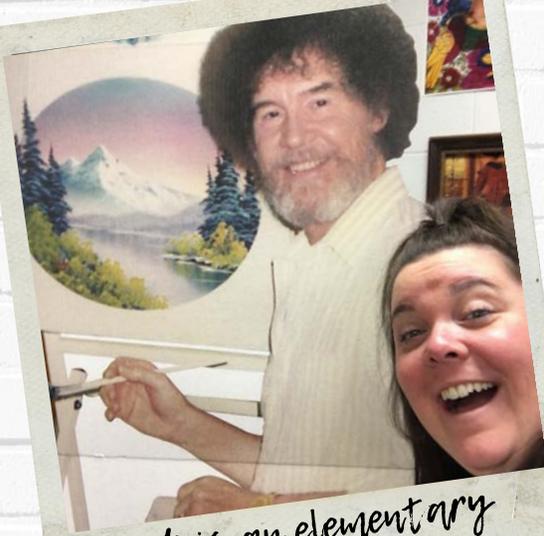


...fishing, and being outdoors!

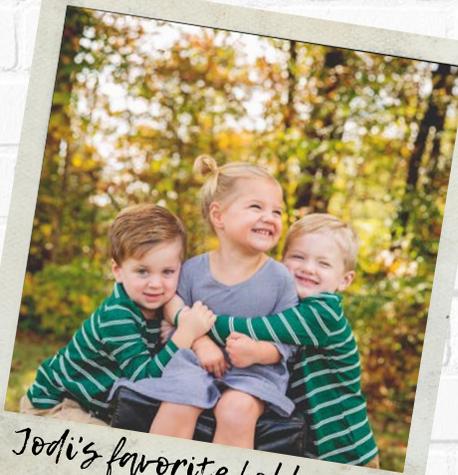
## Education

Being teachers, education is incredibly important to us! He or she will most likely attend the school district Jodi works in as it is closest to our home.

We love learning new things by going to new places, visiting museums and exhibits, attending festivals, and going to plays, musicals and shows. Anytime we can take a day trip to explore the Arts or History, we're all in! We can't wait to have a little one to add to the adventures!



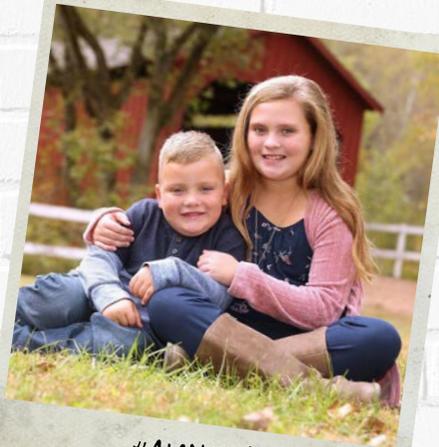
Jodi is an elementary Art teacher!



Jodi's favorite hobbies are creating, being Aunt JoJo...



...Kayaking and fishing!



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We are blessed to have this four-legged fur ball in our family. His name is Maxwell and his love just melts your heart. He loves to play in the yard, protect us from squirrels, and will never turn down a game of fetch.



Maxwell

# Parenting

We are a Christian family that values hard work, honesty, staying humble and above all being kind! Our child will be praised when learning how to make good choices. Strategies like redirection, reward systems and time outs will help us to teach him or her to understand these values. Setting boundaries is important, and being able to listen and seek first to understand can completely change your perspective and reaction when guiding little ones in life.



*At the Botanical Gardens!*



*On the lake!*



*Egyptian exhibit at the Science Center!*



*Our Home*

We live in a 2400 square foot home. It has 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a finished basement. We also have a big fenced in back yard and a 2 car attached garage.

