

Jason É lisa

We are a fun-loving family that enjoys spending time together and appreciates the simple joys in life. 99







## Hello from California!

We are Lisa and Jason and we've been together for 17 years. We understand you have some tough decisions to make, and we will be thinking of you as you consider the future for your child. We hope you have a circle of love and support as you navigate this difficult time and that you find comfort in learning about families like ours who would be honored and overjoyed to welcome your baby into our home.

We have always been interested in adopting and in February 2022, we were blessed with the adoption of our daughter Lily. We would love to grow our family with a second child, and you would help us fulfill our dream of raising two siblings together. We hope this profile gives you a glimpse into our lives and shows our deep desire to build our family through adoption. Thank you so much for considering us in your adoption plan.

With Love,

Jason Elisa



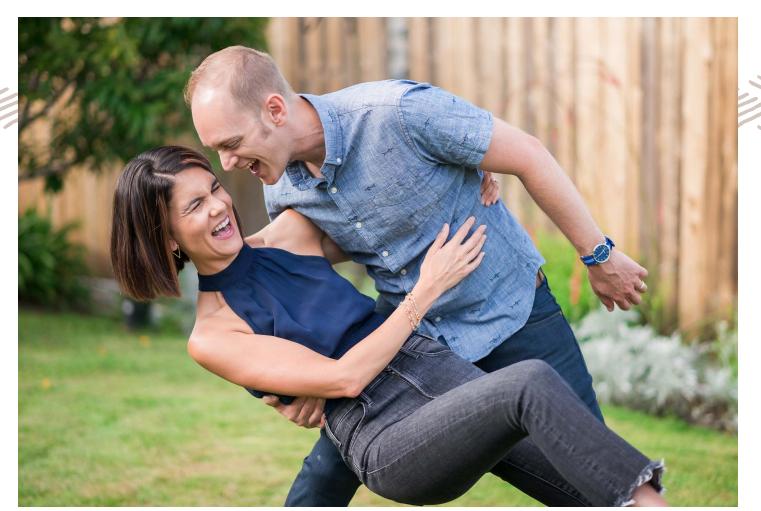
# OUR STORY As toldby lisa



I met Jason in 2006 and we connected over weekends at the beach, camping, and enjoying time with friends and family. We were married in 2010 and bought our home later that year. In 2022, we adopted our daughter Lily and have been discovering the joys of parenthood ever since. We love to live life to the fullest, explore new places, and make each other laugh. Over our years

together, we have nurtured a relationship centered in love, kindness, communication, humor and patience which provided a solid foundation for us to become parents.

As parents, our top priority is to provide a safe, loving and supportive home. If you choose us, we plan to give your child all the opportunities we can.





## MHH as told by Jason

It didn't take long for me to realize that Lisa was the perfect person to spend the rest of my life with. She is fun, outgoing and incredibly smart. She loves me for who I am and has helped me become the absolute best version of myself. Our family is incredibly lucky to have someone as loving as Lisa to care for our daughter as a full-time parent. She is engaged every day, from cooking tortilla soup to hallway chases filled with giggles and teaching our daughter about the world around her. She is an amazing mother that is always one step ahead in taking care of our family and finding fun and exciting ways to keep us close.

> **C** Lisa is always in search of the next fun thing we can do together! **99**

- Jason





**OCCUPATION:** Former nonprofit grant writer taking a break to enjoy being a stay-at-home mom.

FAVORITE BOOK: Harry Potter

FAVORITE PLACE: Monterey, CA

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My family, sunshine

and an ocean breeze!

MY PERFECT DAY: Family snuggles, a healthy breakfast, quick work out, then gardening or playing in the backyard, building a pillow fort, dancing to music, an afternoon walk, a delicious dinner at a local restaurant, story time with Lily, then relaxing with Jason - and lots of laughter throughout the day.

### MFFI as told by lisa

I can't imagine my life without Jason in it. He has a magnetic personality, a contagious laugh, a passion for music, and is incredibly kind-hearted. One of my favorite things about Jason is how devoted he is to caring for our family. From learning how to tie ponytails to pausing between work meetings to give hugs - he's truly all in on being a dad and shares the responsibility of parenting equally with me. It melts my heart to see him on the sofa with Lily curled up in his arms for story time, playing his guitar after dinner for us, or acting goofy to get a laugh. He is an excellent partner, who has supported me in good times and tough times, and I feel so lucky to be sharing the joys (and challenges!) of parenting with him.

CC Jason is full of fun and energy and is always finding ways to make us laugh! **99** 

MORE ABOUT Jason

**OCCUPATION:** Design Director

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Incredibles

FAVORITE PLACE: New York, NY





CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My family and laughter

MY PERFECT DAY: Getting a good night's sleep, having a big family breakfast, a long walk by the beach, dinner with friends and a relaxing evening with Lisa after Lily goes to bed.

#### MEET LILY

In February of 2022, we were blessed with the adoption of our daughter Lily at birth. She is a sweet, incredibly observant toddler with an adorable laugh who finds joy in everything she encounters (especially dogs!). She loves to run and play as much as she enjoys settling into her library of books. She is learning to talk and delights in making silly faces, dancing to music, and spending time with her grandparents. She also loves being around other kids and will be an amazing big sister!

CC Lily greets each day with a smile and is full of contagious energy and laughter. **97** 



AGE: 18 MONTHS

**OCCUPATION:** Certified silly goose

FAVORITE BOOK: Snuggle Puppy

FAVORITE PLACE: San Diego Zoo





#### CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Her books!

MY PERFECT DAY: Playing on the swings at the park, reading LOTS of books while cuddling, playing on the splash pad in our backyard, catching bubbles, seeing dogs and eating unlimited berries.

#### OUR HOME and community

We own a house in Southern
California, in a small beach town
known for its warm sunny weather,
hiking trails and family friendly
beaches. Our home has 4 bedrooms
and a large backyard - it's perfect
for playing and entertaining. We
love that our neighborhood includes
a community pool, playground, and
several parks that are perfect for
spending time outside.

Our neighborhood is full of young families, and we are walking distance to both the elementary school and junior high, which are in a top-rated school district. Our street is known for having elaborate Halloween and Christmas decorations - every December we have friends over to walk around to see the lights and enjoy hot cocoa.



Our backyard at Christmas



Our big playroom



Our neighborhood park

## OUR EXTENDED

FAMILY

Jason grew up in a family built on fun and laughter. His childhood was filled with indoor and outdoor games, pool parties and snowball fights. His parents, Mike and Donna, valued family time above all, and continue to do so by visiting us multiple times a year. The heartfelt time and effort they put into birthdays, holidays and annual travel is a perfect guide we follow for our own family. Jason is very close to his brother Jaime and sister Jenelle, despite them living on the east coast. They keep in touch every week through texts and funny pictures and are always excited to visit.

Lisa's childhood was filled with summer camping trips, family reunions and homecooked dinners together every night. Her parents, Craig and Denise, live an hour away and we are fortunate to see them every few weeks. Ryan, her younger brother, lives in San Francisco with his wife Daniela and we see them frequently throughout the year. Lisa's mom's side of the family is Mexican-American, so she grew up with fun cultural traditions such as mariachis and piñatas at birthday parties, and making tamales with her cousins for their annual Christmas Eve celebration. We were chosen by Lily's birth mother, who is Hispanic, in part because of Lisa's Mexican-American heritage.



Hiking with Jason's parents



Brunch with Nana



Storytime with Lisa's parents



Christmas with Lisa's family



Halloween with Jason's cousins

#### OUR FRIENDS



Easter with close friends

We are blessed with the best group of friends, many of whom we have known for over a decade. They are full of fun and are incredibly supportive, especially in our adoption journey and becoming new parents. Most of our friends already have children, and we are all excited to have our kids grow up together and deepen our friendship through the shared experience of parenthood.



Palm Springs with college friends



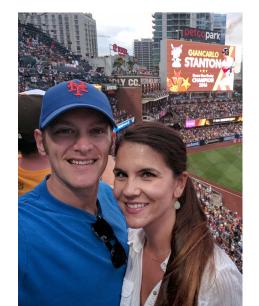
Baseball with Lily's godfather

### FUN FACTS

ABOUT Jason Élisa

Lisa loves being outdoors and wants to visit all the US National Parks.





Jason is a huge baseball fan and hopes to coach little league someday.

Lisa enjoys community theater and watching Broadway musicals. Together we love attending concerts.



Whether it's Halloween or a themed party, we have so much fun making and dressing up in costumes.



We also have annual passes to the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park.











Lisa spent a semester at sea in college and loves to ocean fish!

Jason has thrown 3 hole-in-ones in frisbee golf (pictured is our late corgi named Koopa).



WHY WE ARE

#### ADOPTING ===

Lisa has always felt called toward adoption. She grew up with her cousin Mandy, who was adopted at birth. Honoring adoption stories is an important part of Lisa's extended family - three of her (now adult) cousins were adopted, and her cousin Colleen adopted children who are siblings. We also have close friends from all parts of the adoption triad – a birth mom, adoptees and adoptive parents.

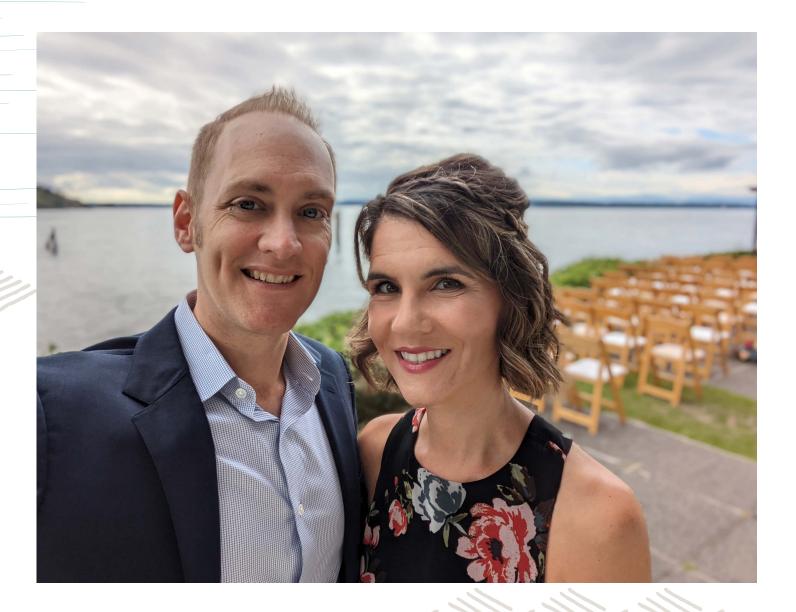
Before we were married, we agreed we wanted to adopt if we were not able to conceive naturally, and later, our infertility issues confirmed that adoption was the right path for us to grow our family. We were beyond excited to adopt Lily, and we look forward to growing our family through adoption again!



Holiday lights with cousin Mandy



Lisa's extended Family



#### OUR

## PROMISES TO YOUR CHILD

- >>> To provide a safe and loving home, and life skills that will help ensure their longterm health and emotional wellbeing.
- >> To be supported and loved by grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.
- >> To have fun and laugh, and build awesome pillow forts.
- >>> To nurture their curiosities and talents, support them through life's challenges and celebrate their accomplishments.
- >>> To be patient, compassionate, unconditionally loving and understanding parents.
- >> To share their adoption story with them from the beginning.



## Thank you!

We cannot thank you enough for considering us as adoptive parents for your child. We have so much admiration and respect for you, and we know that whatever you choose is the right choice. If you have any questions for us, we are happy to answer them. It was a long road for us to become parents and we don't take this opportunity for granted!

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