



# Mother's Day

## EMILY'S STORY



Jasper & Emily

I didn't believe the four positive home pregnancy tests I had taken. Thankfully, I had a trusted mentor from my school who came with me the next day to Alpha Center for a pregnancy test appointment. The result there was also positive, and I sat in disbelief. It was one of those out-of-body experiences, where the chaos seems to be swirling around but your mind is frozen in time. My only thought was, "I can't be pregnant." I had been with my boyfriend for barely a month and his family was not about to let him be a father. We were finishing our senior year of high school and had plans for after graduation that didn't include a baby. However, my faith would not let me even consider terminating my pregnancy. I already loved my unborn baby and knew I had to give him life.

I attended Alpha Center's *Earn While You Learn* appointments and *Life Skills Class* each week to earn Baby Bucks. I figured that if I was able to earn enough Baby Bucks to provide the necessary items for him then I would choose to parent him after he was born; and if not, I could choose adoption. My mom came with me as my support person because my boyfriend's parents wouldn't allow him to be involved in classes. I watched lessons about fetal development, single parenting, emotions during pregnancy, stages of labor and much more. By the time I was due, I was mentally prepared to have a baby and had all the material items I would need for the next year: a car seat, Pack 'n Play, clothes, a breast pump and lots of diapers and wipes. It was a few short weeks after Jasper was born that I turned to Alpha Center for a different type of support - grief support. My boyfriend passed away in a tragic accident and any hope I had of seeing him as Jasper's father vanished.



Jasper & Joe



Alpha Baby Jasper

In addition to the weekly *Earn While You Learn* appointments and Tuesday night *Life Skills Classes*, I started meeting with an Alpha Center mentor who helped me process my difficult circumstances and find my identity in Christ. Getting the chance to meet weekly with my mentor, Abby, was a huge blessing and comfort to me. Last summer, Jasper and I moved out of my mom's house and into an apartment, and I am currently working at the daycare he attends. Right now, being a loving mom and providing for him are my top priorities. Maybe when he is school-aged I can go back to school because I would like to end up in a healthcare profession so I can help people. Reaching out to Alpha Center has been one of the best things I have done for us because they have helped me so much and in so many ways.





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For HIS Unborn,

Leslee Unruh, Founder

