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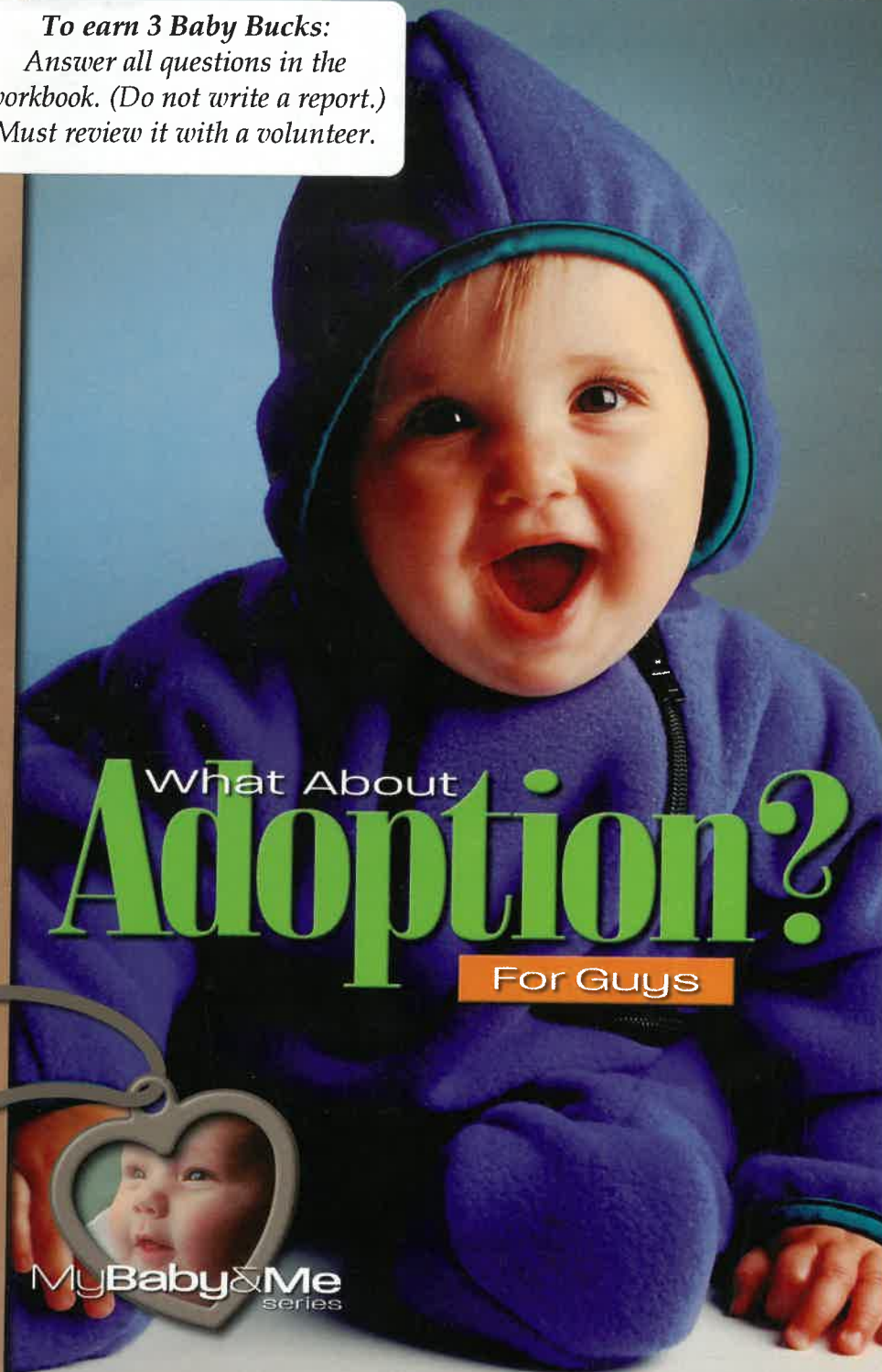
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What About  
**Adoption?**

For Guys



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20. Which parts of the definition of love describe your reasons to parent your child or to place in adoption?

This booklet belongs to

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## Questions

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

When you explore adoption it is important to look into what adoption is all about. Below are some of the most frequently-asked questions about adoption. There is room for your own questions at the end. Please respond to each question by checking one of the three boxes provided.

### Adoptive Parents

1. What is the adoptive family allowed to know about me?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

2. How much does the adoptive family usually want to know about me?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

3. How much will I know about the adoptive parents?  
(occupation, living area, ages, etc.)

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

4. What "qualifications" must a couple meet before they are accepted? (financial, emotional stability, age, infertility, etc.)

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

5. Am I permitted to know how long the couple has been waiting for a child, and why the wait?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

6. Could an adoptive couple be from out of this state, or must they live in the state where I live?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

7. How much can I be involved in choosing the couple for my child?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

**Birthfather**

8. What information, if any, is needed from me?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

9. When, if at all, do I have to be present in the legal process?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

10. Do I have to agree to the adoption? If yes, who works with me to sign the adoption papers?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

11. What if I do not want to cooperate in an adoption plan?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

**General**

12. What exactly do the adoption files contain?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

13. Who has access to the adoption file?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

14. What are sealed records?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

15. What is open adoption?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

**The Adoption Process**

16. Do my parents have to sign papers in order for me to place my child in adoption?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

17. When do I have to sign the adoption papers?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

18. Once I sign the adoption papers, can I change my mind?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

19. Will I have to go to court?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

20. If I have to go to court, how long after I sign my papers will this take place?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

21. After the adoption is finalized, will I need to have any further contact with the adoption provider (i.e., agency, lawyer)? If so, under what circumstances?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

22. What happens if my baby is born with birth defects? Will the adoptive parents still want to adopt my baby?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

23. How soon after the baby is born can it be placed in its new home?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

24. Why do some babies go into foster care before they go to adoptive parents?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

25. If my baby would go into foster care, how long would he or she be there?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

26. May I write the adoptive parents a letter explaining to them the reasons for placing my child in adoption, and will I have the assurance that they will receive it?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

### Religion

27. May I select what religion I wish the couple to be?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

28. Can I be assured that my child will be brought up in that religion?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

### Finances

29. Will medical costs be covered for my baby?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

30. Will there be help with my other expenses? What would that include?

- I would like more information about this.
- I've heard people say/ I think that

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- Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

**The Baby**

31. Will I be able to see the baby in the hospital?

- I would like more information about this.
- I've heard people say/ I think that

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- Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

32. Are my parents, friends, etc. allowed to see the baby?

- I would like more information about this.
- I've heard people say/ I think that

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- Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

33. Will I be able to have a visit with my baby before I sign the adoption papers?

- I would like more information about this.
- I've heard people say/ I think that

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- Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

34. Can we name the baby, and will the adoptive parents keep the name we pick?

- I would like more information about this.
- I've heard people say/ I think that

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- Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

35. What may I send with my child (gifts, letters, books, etc.) and will I have the assurance that my child will get these items?

- I would like more information about this.
- I've heard people say/ I think that

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- Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.



36. May I have pictures of the baby? How often?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

**Future**

37. If for some reason my child died, would I be notified?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

38. If for some reason there is an accident and my child's adoptive parents are killed, will I be notified? Could I get custody of my child at that time?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

39. Will my child be able to get information about me if he/she desires?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

40. In the years to come, if my child searches for me, will someone contact me before my child does?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

41. Will my child be able to find me if she/he decided to search for me?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

42. How old does the child have to be to search for me?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

43. Will I be able to find my child if I decided I wanted to search for him or her?

I would like more information about this.

I've heard people say/ I think that

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Right now, this is not a top-priority issue for me.

44. Write any other questions you have in the space below:

## Looking at Adoption

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption is a gift of love in every way. As you work through these questions, we trust that you will see adoption as it really is - a painful process full of hope and which truly puts another's life before your own.

1. When you think about adoption what is your greatest fear?
2. Have you watched family members grieve? Share the reason for their grief and how they worked through the pain.
3. Do you think you would grieve for your child if you placed him/her for adoption?
4. If you place your child in adoption, what are some blessings in store for:
  - a. you—
  - b. your child—

5. John 15:12-14 *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*

You are loving as He loves as you put aside your feelings and do what is best for your child. God will bless you! God is blessing you! What parts of your “life” will you have to lay down if...

—you parent your child?

—you place your child in adoption?

6. Do you think adoption is a good plan for some children?
7. Make a list of the questions and reactions you think your child might have about being adopted.

8. If you were an adoptive parent, how would you answer each of these questions?

Question

Response

9. What are some reasons adoption might not be good for your child?
10. What are the reasons you feel adoption would be a good plan for you and your child?

11. There are several things you can do for your child to express your love and give him or her a sense of value. Below is a list of some of them. Check the ones that appeal to you.

- a. Write a letter to my child explaining why I chose adoption.
- b. Write a letter to the adoptive parents explaining why I chose adoption.
- c. Send a book about being adopted with my child.
- d. Send something with my child that is special to me and a note explaining its importance.
- e. Buy my child some items to send with him or her (Bible, a stuffed animal, a piece of jewelry, a medal, etc.)
- f. Pray for my child each day.
- g. Your own idea: \_\_\_\_\_

12. When it is time to say good-bye, how would you like it to be handled?

- a. Have a visit alone with the baby
- b. Have a pastor and /or close family member and/or friends come say a prayer thanking God for my child and trusting Him for my child's life. (Dedication Service)
- c. Be with the adoptive couple as I say good-bye.

13. Let's look at how other people might feel about an adoption plan for you and your child. What do you think each of these people would feel?

Your parents:

The birthmother:

Your friends:

Other relatives:

14. If any of these people would be against an adoption plan, how would you handle your relationship with them?

15. How would you explain your reasons to them?

## Bonus Section:

Ephesians 1:3-6 *Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.*

Galatians 4:3-7 *But when the time arrived that was set by God the Father, God sent his Son, born among us of a woman, born under the conditions of the law so that he might redeem those of us who have been kidnapped by the law. Thus we have been set free to experience our rightful heritage. You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted as his own children because God sent the Spirit of his Son into our lives crying out, "Papa! Father!" Doesn't that privilege of intimate conversation with God make it plain that you are not a slave, but a child? And if you are a child, you're also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance.*

16. What is God's attitude about adopting all of us?

17. What are the results of our adoption by God?

1 Corinthians 13 describes what true love is like and how it acts:

*Love never gives up.  
Love cares more for others than for self.  
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.  
Love doesn't strut,  
Doesn't have a swelled head,  
Doesn't force itself on others,  
Isn't always "me first,"  
Doesn't fly off the handle,  
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,  
Doesn't revel when others grovel,  
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,  
Puts up with anything,  
Trusts God always,  
Always looks for the best,  
Never looks back,  
But keeps going to the end...  
We have three things to do to lead us toward that  
consummation (this word means to complete with satisfaction):  
Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly.  
And the best of the three is love.*

18. Which parts of the definition of love do you like the best?

19. Which parts of the definition of love are the hardest for you?

20. Which parts of the definition of love describe your reasons to parent your child or to place in adoption?

21. The underlined sentence gives three 'goals' for all of us to reach for. What are they?