

Adoption Options Spreadsheet

There are many adoption options to consider when determining the right adoption program for your family. This chart is meant to be a point of discussion for people before adoption and NOT the only factors that need to be discussed before adopting. This list of options does not reflect the age range of children in most need of adoption so consider who is in need of a family AND where you think God is leading you.

Directions: Separately, you and your significant other go through the chart and rank the different options with the following system: 1 - strongly desire, 2 – preferred, 3- no preference or open to this, or 4- undesired. Once complete, set a coffee date and go through the different options and discuss where your heart desires are. Prayerfully consider where God is leading your family as you discuss.

AGE	Spouse #1 Rating	Spouse #2 Rating
A child under 6 months		
A child under 2 years old		
A child under 5 years old		
A child 5 and over (elementary school aged)		
A teenager (13 and up)		
Special needs		
Correctible medical condition (cleft palate, therapy, developmental delays, etc.)		
Permanent physical issue (vision or hearing challenges, missing digits or limbs, etc.)		
Learning disabilities (ADD/ADHD, dyslexia, etc)		
Lifelong serious disability (down's syndrome, autism, fetal alcohol syndrome, etc)		
Emotional difficulties (attachment disorder, known trauma, etc)		
Lifelong, but manageable diseases (hepatitis, HIV in some cases, etc.)		
No obvious medical issues		
Number of children		
One child		
Two children		
More than two children		
Race		
Caucasian		
Hispanic		
Asian		
African/African-American		
Eastern European		
Bi-racial		
Misc.		
Open to international travel		
Desire to stay in the U.S.		
Open adoption (know the birthmother/family and develop a relationship with them)		
Closed adoption (likely birthfamily unknown or limited info, rare option available)		

