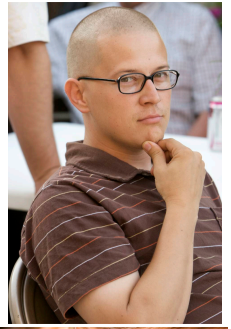


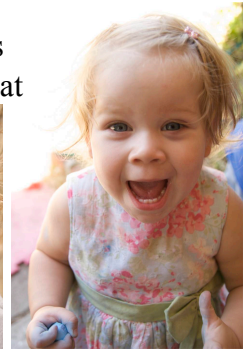
## Ezra & Karyn

We will be celebrating our tenth wedding anniversary this coming January. We have been best friends since Karyn's senior year of high school, and continue to be best friends. Building a family has been fun, interesting and hard work. Our patience and communication skills are often challenged, but we get better with time and practice. We continue to enjoy working with UPstream Youth, now entering our 8th year as youth leaders. We are grateful God continues to call us in this capacity, we learn a lot from the teens (and have fun with them too!). As our kids get older, we have been able to put more time into the photography and art business. We are developing our skills and enjoying the process. We are asked by friends and family if we will be having any more kids- we don't even know the answer to that...



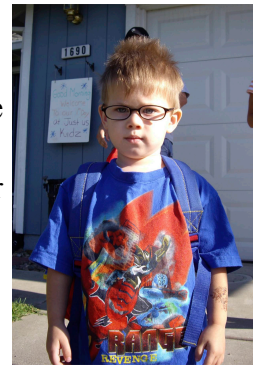
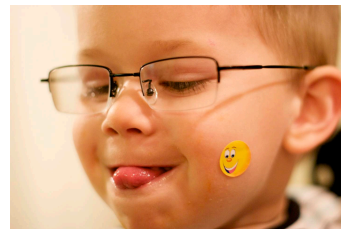
## Zion Olivia

What a little lady! She is so full of excitement and expression. Though she is demanding and bossy, she is a tender and sweet little girl. She likes things that sparkle and has an eye for what's 'pretty', but doesn't mind getting dirty. She keeps up with the boys, who frequently remind her that she's not the mom. Recently she decided she is going to start using the 'potty'. It's been said that girls are easier to train, and she is proving it true. Zion will be two in February and is age-appropriately stubborn and pushy- but there's nothing terrible



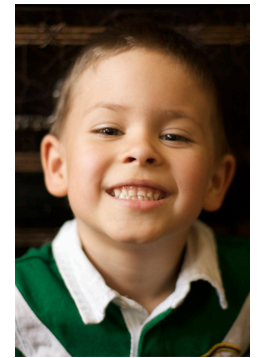
## Noah Solomon

Noah has been through so many changes this year. He was evaluated for Autism & Asperger's, which he doesn't have (yay!). He's an intriguing boy. He continues to fascinate and amuse us with his oddities. Last year we were dealing with his anger, aggression and ear shattering volume. He is still loud, but has developed a great deal of self control. He likes structure, order and predictability- but is learning to find the fun in spontaneity. He started preschool this year, and loves it! He has a wonderful and patient teacher who has helped him develop his communication skills. Noah is very affectionate, playful, and has little concept of personal space. He is an 'in your face' kind of guy!



## JOSIAH LEVI

Josiah started Kindergarten in August. So far he's not a fan of school, but is learning so much so fast. He goes to a public Montessori based charter school, and has an awesome group of teachers. Josiah played soccer during the summer, which was fun for us all. He is so agile and athletic. He likes to climb up the walls and touch the ceiling. He's good at anything he tries, and is even quite an artist. Josiah is so helpful. He takes his role as big brother seriously. He follows the rules and has a passion for what is right. He is very social and goofy- he likes to see people laugh. He is very aware of others' needs, but can have his feelings easily hurt. He doesn't like down time- he's a boy on the go!



***We pray that you are doing well and have a fulfilling 2009! Merry Christmas!***

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