

[00:00:01.150] - Lisa Qualls

Welcome to the Adoption Connection podcast where we share resources by and for adoptive and foster moms. I'm Lisa Qualls.

[00:00:09.040] - Melissa Corkum

And this is Melissa Corkum. Don't worry, we get it and we're here for you.

[00:00:14.560] - Lisa Qualls

Hello, friends. Welcome to Summer Break at the Adoption Connection podcast. We're so glad you're here with us today.

[00:00:21.760] - Melissa Corkum

Yeah, so we have never done a long break on the podcast, but we have decided that the podcast is going to have a summer vacation this year. And one of the reasons is both Lisa and I have some big family things going on. So, Lisa, what is your July summer break going to look like?

[00:00:42.620] - Lisa Qualls

Oh, my goodness, we are gearing up for a wedding in our family. So my daughter, Anna Rose, was working in Mexico, serving in Mexico before covid, and she met a young man there and she had to return to the US for a period of time during covid and their relationship continued to grow. Then she moved back down to San Diego and they have since gotten engaged and they are getting married in July. So now we are figuring out, well, we've already figured it out because the wedding's really soon now, but we've had to figure out how to get our whole family to Mexico because the border is still not open for Mexican citizens to cross into the US unless they're essential workers. So the wedding has to be in Mexico and we've been scrambling. We got passports for our boys and we've gotten as many friends and family who are able to travel are coming. But it's a whole different wedding, trying to plan it across cultures, borders, languages. So we're all trying to learn Spanish as quickly as possible too.

[00:01:50.860] - Melissa Corkum

So fun. I know, so fun for me to watch you to plan a wedding in Mexico.

[00:01:58.240] - Lisa Qualls

Well, I am really excited. It's just, we're in that crunch time now where we're like, oh, my goodness, we didn't think of that, or oh, my goodness, I thought you were taking care of this or that. So it's a little bit nutty right now, but I know that very soon, it's all just going to be happening and hopefully we'll just be able to roll with the ups and downs. I mean, weddings are never perfect. I've done this before, nothing ever goes exactly the way you hope and yet it's all OK. So we are excited and I'm the only one who has met, well, one of my daughters and I are the only ones who have met our future son in law. Russ has not even gotten to meet him in person because of covid. So, yes, it's going to be quite an amazing event. So, Melissa, you also have a wedding in your family.

[00:02:42.190] - Melissa Corkum

I know. Go figure. I mean, literally, guys, Lisa and I have big family weddings on, our is on a Friday and Anna Rose's is the following day on a Saturday. And so yours has been a quick whirlwind, ours is my sister's wedding that was rescheduled from last June. So where yours feels like a whirlwind, ours feels like the never ending wedding planning. We actually, the the girls and the guys, the adults went away for a bachelor/bachelorette weekend on like March 10, 2020 gearing up for the wedding and then, like, everything's shut down. So this feels like literally like the forever, right. Cause we're not going to do that again. So, like, we did the bachelor thing like a year and some change ago and now we're finally having the wedding. But I'm in the wedding, my daughter's in the wedding, ava's in the wedding, and all the wedding stuff is happening at our house. Like, we hosted the shower, all the favors, all the centerpieces, all of that is at our house, so there is a lot going on. And so we just, you know, it's wedding everything. So I guess follow us on Instagram and the stories we'll probably post on our own personal stories and maybe we'll try to share it to the adoption connection Instagram, but if you're a wedding fanatic or you just like watching those things unfold, feel free to follow along this month, especially this week if you're listening to this episode, you know, the first week in July when it comes out, because it will be all things wedding rehearsal, dinner, you'll be traveling.

[00:04:22.510] - Lisa Qualls

Yes. Lots of traveling. I don't even think we're having an official rehearsal dinner. And actually, Mexican weddings are very different from American weddings. There's a whole other, there are all these very meaningful parts where people come up and bring special things during the ceremony as gifts to the bride and groom, not like kitchen appliances, but like a special family bible is presented to them and all these different things, so it's going to be really different. And I think it's going to be really special and exciting too, so yes, we are going to be in the thick of wedding and it's wonderful.

[00:04:58.120] - Melissa Corkum

Yeah, really fun. So we have already started to plan out August.

[00:05:04.960] - Lisa Qualls

Yes.

[00:05:05.530] - Melissa Corkum

We are going to come back strong in August with a back to school series that will be all about setting you up for success coming into the school year. For some of our kids, this will be their first time back in person after a long, long break or regularly in person. You know, it's different to go to school only two days a week and then have to go to school five days a week. I know our daughter is going to be missing her casual Fridays off and all these different things, so we have all kinds of stuff, stuff that's brain science based, things about how to manage the stuff, like, the de-cluttering, we'll have some Enneagram stuff, I mean, there's just there's going to be a lot of really fun things that we're preparing to come back with in August.

[00:05:52.750] - Lisa Qualls

Yes, I think you're all really going to enjoy it and we're planning all of the podcast through the rest of 2021 and we've got some great guests and all kinds of good things. And honestly, we're just so thankful that we get to share life with you and share all the things we're learning and interview these amazing guests that we have. We consider it our honor to host this podcast.

[00:06:18.880] - Melissa Corkum

Absolutely. So while the podcast is taking a summer vacation, we invite you to do a couple of things. One, we would love for you to join us in our free Facebook community. While the podcast is taking a summer vacation, the community will still be active through the month of July. So you can join us there at theadoptionconnection.com/facebook will take you right there. And then also, this is a great time to go backwards in your podcast feed, especially if you're newer to the podcast. Almost every episode is what we call evergreen is still relevant, even if we recorded it three years ago, I mean, I think our very first episode was on sensory integration and sensory processing, right. So that's happening all the time for our people. Early episodes included things like how to talk to your child about their story even if there's hard parts. So, you know, scroll back in your podcast feed. This will give you a couple weeks to catch up on some of those episodes that maybe you missed out on in the beginning or you were too busy to listen to.

[00:07:25.130] - Lisa Qualls

And all of the episodes beginning in January of 2021 are also transcribed. So you can even go back and read those episodes if you want to, if you don't have the opportunity to listen. So there's just lots and lots of good stuff there for you if you are looking for more from the adoption connection.

[00:07:43.550] - Melissa Corkum

In the meantime, we want you to remember for the next couple of weeks that

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You are a good parent, doing good work.

[00:07:52.150] - Lisa Qualls

OK, we didn't practice that, but that's OK. Melissa, you're a good parent, doing good.

[00:07:56.760] - Melissa Corkum

Lisa, you're a good parent, doing good. And you, listener, wherever you are, you are a good parent, doing good work. You can put these last 15 seconds on repeat through the month of July and we'll see you back here on Tuesday, August 3rd.

[00:08:12.480] - Lisa Qualls

Before you go. We'd love to connect with you on social media. You can find us on Facebook or Instagram as @theadoptionconnection.

[00:08:20.070] - Melissa Corkum

Thanks so much for listening, we love having you. If you enjoyed this episode, please leave a quick review over on iTunes. It will help us reach more moms who may be feeling alone.

[00:08:30.240] - Lisa Qualls

And remember, until next week, you're a good mom, doing good work, and we're here for you.

[00:08:37.420] - Melissa Corkum

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