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# child's story

a child's cornerstone book

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“While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about.” - Angela Schwindt

## **Directions:**

This Story Map will help guide you as you write and preserve your most precious memories. As you combine stories and photos you'll create a valuable treasure that can be shared for many years to come.

**Step 1.** Read through the following questions and answer them. You may need to involve others with interviews and gathering information, or just answer the questions on your own. You do not need to answer each question or even use each theme; these are meant merely as guidelines. As you answer the question(s), your answers become the story.

**Step 2.** Get your photos scanned and uploaded into your Studio account. Your personal publishing consultant can help you get all of your photos scanned quickly and easily with scanning services. Just ask!

**Step 3.** Start creating. You can design your own page from scratch or use one of the many Heritage Makers' pre-designed templates.

Your book will have 21 pages. Additional pages are available for a minimal printing cost.

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## **Front Cover**

Image

Title

Author

## **Page 1**

*Before You Were Born*

Use this page to dedicate the book to your child. Describe your desire to have this child come to your family. Add photo of child at current age.

## **Page 2**

*Waiting for You to Come*

Share some specific thoughts you had and the preparations you made as you anticipated your baby's arrival.

## **Page 3**

*Choosing Your Name*

Share the history of your child's name and why you chose it.

## **Page 4**

*Your Birthday!*

Share how and where your child was born. What were your feelings when you finally got to hold your baby? Who else was excited to meet the new baby?

## Page 5

### *Bringing You Home*

Write about the baby's first days at home. What kinds of adjustments did the parents have to make? What did the baby do?

## Pages 6 & 7

### *You Started to Grow*

Write about the baby's facial expressions, likes and dislikes, and the things it started to notice and react to. Share how the baby interacted with family members.

## Pages 8 & 9

### *On the Move!*

Describe early crawling, pulling up, and walking experiences. Include details about any significant trials or growth experiences that show personal strength, determination, endurance, etc.

## Pages 10 & 11

### *You Loved to Play*

Include descriptions and pictures of things your baby loved to play with. This can include blankets, mobiles, toys, bottles, stuffed animals, pots & pans, etc.

## Pages 12 & 13

### *You Loved Playing with Family and Friends*

Describe the baby's interaction with family and friends. What games did the baby like to play? Include pictures of the baby interacting with family members.

## Pages 14 & 15

### *Yum! You Liked to Eat-a Lot!*

What were the baby's favorite foods? Include pictures of the child eating, and even pictures of the baby's favorite foods. Relate a humorous experience the baby had with food.

## Pages 16 & 17

### *Your Talents, Gifts and Strengths*

Talk about some of the early positive character traits you were already beginning to see in your child.

## Pages 18 & 19

### *The Many Faces of "Cassidy"*

Include photos of the baby's many different moods and faces. "Here are some of the faces you showed us when you were a baby. You made us laugh. You are a very important and loved part of our family."

## Pages 20 & 21

### *So You Continue to Grow*

Talk about the wonderful person your child is becoming. Include some of the positive character traits you love to see in your child as well as some values that will be important to your child as it continues to grow.