

## Mordecai

Being a grandparent continues to awe and amaze us. Mordecai is an absolute JOY in our lives. There is no doubting his mother is in him...what a temper! He's all boy. He NEVER slows down or stops until he meets that immovable object... Mom, DIVA or Papaw.



Mordecai started attending preschool two days/week. This has been such a milestone in his little life. For almost three years, he has had little contact with other children so a couple of days at school gives him a wonderful opportunity to learn some important social skills...things like sharing and communicating with words instead of actions.

He bit someone the first day. Being the youngest child in the center, he does not have the same command of language that some of his classmates possessed. So, when frustrated over a toy situation, he bit the kid. Needless to say, Mordecai made the walk to the Principals office and was duly reprimanded, as were we. We now have a mantra said before leaving him at school - "no biting," he replies "no biting" - "no pinching," he replies "no pinching" - "no kicking," he replies "no kicking." It seems to be working as he hasn't been back to the principal's office.

He loves to spend time with Jamie's Mom, aka GaGa. They go swimming at the rec center, play at the park and there's the occasional trip to the dreaded Chuck E Cheese arcade.



## Ashley

Beauty started a new job at University Hospital & Clinics back in February. She works as a Unit Clerk in Medicine Cardiology. Currently, she is working M-TH from

3:30pm - 11:30pm. This actually works out pretty well for the family as Jamie works in the morning and is home before Ashley heads out to work so Mordecai gets the best of care. She genuinely seems to like her job at the hospital and as we all know...that's half the battle in the workplace.



## Joseph

Yes, he's still got the craziest sense of humor. Here he has staged a precarious situation for himself while hiking in Utah. Thank goodness Jenny was there for the rescue. He is

such a fun person to be around. He and Jenny continue to enjoy their lives together. They like designer beer, music and the great outdoors. One day, we hope they make it official, but until then, they are happy! And, for that we are so grateful.

## Steven and Jamie

Steven got a promotion beginning in November. His official title is Assistant Operations Manager. He is back to working M-F, with most weekends off. He is looking forward to the many challenges that are on the horizon.

Jamie keeps herself busy with her job at REDI, Angel Food Ministries at church and Mordecai. How much fun is that?

## Sandy

Sandy moved to a new apartment, continues to work as a crossing guard and spoil Mordecai! What more is there to say?



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Memphis, Tennessee - (Apr 2008)

We left Mordecai at home with GaGa and off the whole family went to Memphis...home of the Blues. Boy, do we love that city. We met Jenny's parents for the weekend and enjoyed the company, the food and the music. Nothing more to say except...WOW....we want to go again.

Moab, Utah - Jul 2008

Summer brought a road trip to Utah for Steven. The added twist is this year, Joseph and his girlfriend Jenny were his traveling companions. They loaded up bikes, sleeping bags and tents and headed out for a weeklong trek in the Canyons and Arches National Parks of Utah.

They report hot weather, wonderful scenery and great companionship.

Estes Park, Colorado - Sept 2008

Jamie needed a little quiet time this year and a wonderful opportunity made that possible. One of her friends was heading to Colorado in late September to visit her sister and she invited Jamie to tag along.

Other than an incident out of her control, she enjoyed her week in the mountains. She is deeply appreciative of her friend Jody for the kind invitation, as well as the hospitality provided by Marvin and Marilyn Rowan, Jody's sister and brother-in-law. She can't wait to get back for a visit with Steven.

# A Couple of Trips This Year



Christmas is a special time of year to remember those who are close to our hearts! May your days be bright, and your heart be light! May this glorious day of our Savior's birth resound with hope and peace on earth!

