

Adoption Video Guide & Shot List

Think about telling a story. It has a cast of characters, a setting, a plot, and transitions that tie it all together. Rather than using words, you'll want to think about how you can capture all of those things with video.

People

Who are the main and supporting characters in your story? Be sure to include them all. This means you too.

Moments

There are going to be some amazing highs as well as a few lows. Be sure to capture both for a complete story.

Setting

What makes your location unique? What are the things you see and hear that will help you remember this place?

Movement

How are you getting from one moment to the next? Transitions help with tying it all together.

This is meant to be a guide to give you ideas, not a checklist that paralyzes or overwhelms you. This is YOUR story.

Home Life

- outside of home
- seasonal details
- child's room wide angle and details
- stuffed animals or toy
- messages from loved ones
- packing
- saying goodbye / hugs

Destination

- outside of accommodations
- area surrounding home or hotel
- details to show season
- rooms before unpacking
- city sights or nature
- sunrise / sunset

Culture

- child's home / caregivers
- locals
- food
- areas of interest
- cultural events / shows
- tourist activities
- anything that distinguishes where you are

Excursions

- set the stage
- where are you
- what do you see
- who are you with
- what do you hear
- think both big picture and details
- put yourself in the scene

Travel

- carrying luggage to car
- driving
- roadside landmarks
- your travel companions
- gate area / airplane outside / airport scenes
- food
- inside plane

1st Meeting

- what's the day like outside
- last moments together before meeting
- first sight / touch
- moments together
- meals together
- social workers
- laughter AND tears

Together

- all of the firsts you've been looking forward to
- playing / walking / eating / sleeping
- bath time (nothing that will embarrass later)
- bed time
- snuggles
- holding hands
- laughter AND tears, highs AND lows

Going Home

- final moments before leaving
- packing
- transportation to airport
- gate area / airplane
- travel companions during flights / layovers
- walking into home / their room for the first time
- reactions to meeting siblings and pets

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