

An orphan

Family



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A child is a young human being below the age of full physical development (first day of life until the age of 18). That means whatever happens in these 18 years either good or bad, it will shape your future. When the parents of an orphan pass away, either before or after their child fully understands life, the orphans will always wonder what their life would be like if their parents are alive, a lot of orphans will feel something is missing throughout their life.

There are parents who fully abandon their children either because they couldn't afford to raise a child or the parents simply made a mistake. When I was in 8th grade and my first year being in America I had an Ethiopian friend named Shoa. Shoa and his sister were adopted by a white family in Bloomington Illinois I felt happy for Shoa and his sister for coming to America to find a better life.

I asked Shoa about his real parents in Ethiopia and what happened to them, he told me they abandoned him and his sister for their own good because they couldn't feed them so their real parents sent them to an orphanage and that's where Shoa and his sister were adopted. When orphans get adopted by other families who will always love and care for them and try their best to make them feel like their own, orphans will always have questions behind their mind for why their real parents abandoned them.

There's no vocabulary for love within a family, love that's lived in but not looked at, love within the light of which all else is seen, the love within which all other love finds speech. This love is silent. " - T. S. Eliot " You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them. " - Bishop Desmond Tutu " What is family? They were the people who claimed you. In good, in bad, in parts or in whole, they were the ones who showed up, who

stayed in there, regardless. It wasn't just about blood relations or shared chromosomes, but something wider, bigger. "