

MAKE A WISH



THIS IS MY BROTHER MAX. HE JUST TURNED FIVE. WE LOVE TO PLAY BASEBALL. ZACK AND MAX LIKE TO DO EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING TOGETHER. THEIR MAIN THING IS PLAYING BASEBALL TOGETHER. IN THE SUMMERTIME, THEY ARE OUT IN THE YARD. THEY'LL CONSTANTLY, YOU KNOW, GO BETWEEN BIKE RIDING, BASEBALL PLAYING, PLAYING WITH TRUCKS, BUILDING FORTS, ANYTHING THAT THEY CAN PHYSICALLY DO AND NOT GET IN TROUBLE, THEY'RE DOING. IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW MAX PERSONALLY AND WHAT HE'S BEEN GOING THROUGH, YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW THAT HE'S ACTUALLY GOT THE CONDITION THAT HE HAS, WHICH IS HE'S ONLY GOT BASICALLY HALF A HEART, YOU'D NEVER KNOW IT. HE JUST GOT THIS BACKPACK PUT ON HIM IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE HE'S ACTUALLY IN HEART FAILURE RIGHT NOW AND HE DIDN'T COMPLAIN AT ALL ABOUT HAVING TO HAVE IT. MAX HAS A HEART CONDITION AND HE IS ON THE HEART TRANSPLANT LIST. HE GOES TO THE DOCTOR A LOT. BUT I'VE PROTECTED HIM. I TELL HIM STORIES TO HELP HIM NOT BE SCARED. MAX IS BRAVE AND I'M PROUD OF HIM. HE'S GOT FIVE MEDICATIONS RIGHT OFF THE BAT THAT HE'S GOT TAKE IN THE MORNING. HE ALSO HAS TO HAVE HIS PIC LINE FLUSHED AND THEN, IN THE AFTERNOON, HE HAS ONE MEDICATION THAT HE HAS TO TAKE AND THEN AT NIGHT, BEFORE HE GOES TO BED, HE'S GOT ANOTHER TWO MEDICATIONS THAT HE HAS TO TAKE. AND THEN, EVERY THREE DAYS HE HAD TO HAVE HIS MEDICINE BAG CHANGED SO THAT REQUIRES US CHANGING OUT THE LINE, THE BAG, THE MACHINE, THE PUMP, THE BACKPACK, GETTING EVERYTHING COMPLETELY SWAPPED OVER TO ALL-NEW AND THAT'S EVERY THREE DAYS THAT WE HAVE TO DO THAT. WE'VE GOT TO HAVE LIKE A GO