



Hi! My name is Tammy Yorgason. I've been married 21 years to a very talented, creative, fantastic, ambitious and loving father named Floyd. We are the parents of five beautiful children. Aubrey, 20, is studying to be an elementary teacher. Wayne, 18, just graduated from high school and was on the ballroom dance team. Cassy, 15, plays the violin and studies diligently for a scholarship in the future. Ward, 13, will be going to Freedom this year and is amazing with computer skills and beekeeping. Bethany 9, also here at Freedom loves to cook, ride bikes, and raise pheasant chicks.

I attended Ricks College, U of U, and finally graduated from BYU in Elementary Education. I spent some time in the Dominican Republic where I met some wonderful people and learned the Spanish language. Even though I'm not presently teaching, I'm a certified Suzuki violin teacher and enjoyed teaching many beginning students the violin. I taught at a learning center called "Knowledge Gain" founded by Dr. Scoresby until my second child was born. I've substituted a variety of students and ages and taken some professional development courses to renew my teaching certificate the past few years. This past year has been a special year as a Title one/ Instructional aide in Mrs. Frey's first grade class. Being around little children was the highlight of my day! I love to exercise (turbo-kick, cycling, step aerobics, weight training) when I can and as a family we like to hike, ride mountain bikes, camp and watch lots of movies together.

I was so fortunate to go to a conference recently where a book was shared called *Voices in the Park*. The last voice in the book was about a girl who saw everyone and everything in a color. She saw everyone and everything in full color even though they were grouchy or sad. Other voices or perspectives in the book show dark dreary or depressing colors. She seemed unaffected by this and made hot chocolate and went on with being herself and happy when others seemed to be sad and gloomy. Her attitude reflected how I think children see the world or how great it would be to show our children how we can make our world a colorful and beautiful place to be.