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*With much love, admiration and strength...*



**T**o our courageous child, from your humble parents:  
With the holiday season here, we want you to remember a few things: First and foremost, we are still a family even if we live differently now. The love we have for you binds us together, forever as a family.

During this time the routine is going to change a bit. The family gatherings will still take place but may be split up a little. If we have a difficult time communicating about the plan it's because we both love you so much and we want to spend as much time with you as possible. Your grandparents/aunts/uncles/cousins also want to see you so we have to be very organized to make sure this can happen. This is the first time we are doing this so there may be a few hiccups. Rest assured, we will figure it out and you will have a wonderful holiday season.

If you hear us saying mean things to each other it is not your fault. We are still learning how to communicate and sometimes, like you, we don't know how to find the right words to get our message across. It doesn't mean we don't love you or each other. You can help us by being patient and forgiving our behaviors as they are not a true reflection of us or our family.

We may not be able to do the same activities we did in years before but we will find new and exciting things to do that may be even better. If you are interested, we can make some ornaments together to put around the house and to give to the family. Homemade gifts are the best, especially when they come from you!!

No matter what though, we will work together to make sure you have a wonderful and memorable holiday season. This time

of year is all about you babe. Know that we are doing our best to make sure of that! We love you more than life itself.

*With much love, admiration and strength,  
Mom and Dad*



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