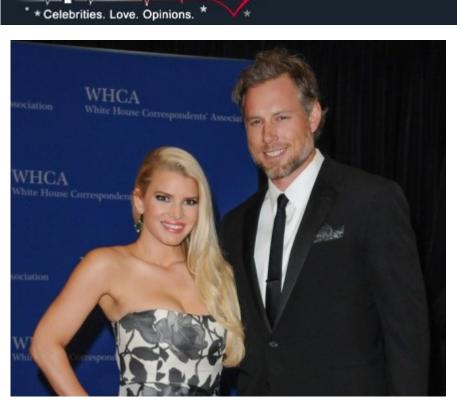
Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson Include Their Kids in Lavish Wedding



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Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson married this past Saturday in a beautiful Independence Day weekend wedding. The pair took a special approach to their wedding day and had their children be a part of the ceremony. Two year-old daughter Maxwell was the flower girl and their 13-month-old son Ace served as the ceremony's ring bearer. Additionally, the couple shared their special day with more than 250 guests, according to UsMagazine.com

What are some ways to include your children in your wedding?

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Not only is this a special day for you and your new hubby, but this is about creating a family unit. By joining together in marriage you vow to cherish not only each other but your children. Make your children a part of your wedding in order to establish a sense of what it is like to be a real family:

1. Have your children be a part of the vows: Family is the strongest bond. In lieu of just you and your husband-to-be exchanging vows, exchange vows with your children as well. Promise to hold each other above all else; promise to love and cherish each child; promise to respect and honor each parent, and so forth. These promises will grow to be much more than words, and will help set a foundation for a loving household and family relationships.

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2. Have your kids stand up for you at the ceremony: Little bridesmaids and groomsmen can be just as adorable as flower girls and ring bearers. By having your children to stand up for you in your ceremony will give them a sense of belonging in the process of you wedding the love of your life. Your daughter as your maid of honor, or your son as one of the groomsmen gives them responsibility to you and your husband. This can show how much you love your children by giving them a position of respect.

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3. Have your kids share a story or a toast at your reception: The viewpoint of a child is always a wonderful thing to witness. Have your child share a story at the reception of their time with their father, or stepfather. The significant memories to a child may not seem all that significant to an adult, but hearing the story retold through the eyes of an innocent mind can touch the hearts of many in

ways never thought possible.

How did you incorporate your kids in your wedding? Share with us in the comments below!