

## **Acknowledgement of Children**

Often marriage is viewed as the union of two people. Yet marriages not only unite the couple, it unites the families. During a wedding ceremony rings are exchanged with a promise. It is the promise of a safe haven from judgment that offers unconditional love and support under any and all circumstances.

Therefore, Hiyasmin and Michael thought it appropriate that Joshua and Aiden should also receive a token of their promise to them this day. They wanted to find a way to let them know how special and wonderful they are, and how blessed they feel to be their parents. They also wanted Joshua and Aiden to have a physical reminder for the future as they grow and become young adults.

Your parents will always support you. There may come times when there are things going on in your life that you may not feel they won't understand, but there is nothing you can ever say that will not be met with unconditional love. So the bond and trust that Hiyasmin and Michael has established with one another is extended to Joshua and Aiden on this day.

### *Parents present gifts*

From this day forth, you shall be more than one couple of two individuals – you shall be a loving and united family. Today your family is complete. You are a family drawn together by love and held together by devotion.