

MAYBE A BABY

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For Darling & Sis ♥

**Darling: Mommy, Mommy, I can't sleep.
Come snuggle with me.**



**Your belly makes a good pillow! Mommy
you have a squishy soft belly!**

Do you have a baby in there?

Mommy: I have a squishy soft belly, but I'm not pregnant.



Darling: I said baby! You said pregnant?

Mommy: Well baby and pregnant are different. Being pregnant means there is a fertilized egg growing inside a uterus.



In the beginning the growing cells are called an embryo and then later a fetus. Not everyone has a uterus, but you do and I do, and most people with a uterus can get pregnant at some time in their lives.



I've been pregnant five times and I have had two babies. I think of being pregnant as being, Maybe a Baby, because sometimes a pregnancy makes a baby and sometimes it doesn't.



**Darling: Hey! I only have one sister,
what happened the other times you
were pregnant?**



Mommy: The first time I was pregnant, I knew I wasn't ready to have a baby so I chose to have an abortion.

An abortion is a medical procedure that ends a pregnancy.

I went to see a doctor who specializes in abortions. I had a choice of taking some medication to end my pregnancy at home, or having the doctor empty my uterus at the doctors office.



People have abortions for lots of different reasons. Some people have abortions because pregnancy makes them sick, or the fetus that is growing inside of them isn't healthy. Other people have abortions because they got pregnant, but they don't want to be parents.

Sometimes people might see a pregnancy through, have a baby and choose to place the baby with an adoptive family. Other times people might want to have a baby but the pregnancy isn't going well so they need to get an abortion to stop the pregnancy. I knew I wanted to be pregnant and have a baby some day, but not yet.

Darling: But you love babies. Why wouldn't you want to have a baby?



Mommy: I do love babies! Deciding to be a parent is a BIG deal! And I really love you and your sister! Everyone gets to have their own reason to have an abortion or try to have a baby. My reason for having an abortion was I wanted to wait a little longer before becoming a parent, so I would be ready to be the best kind of parent I could be, in my case, a mommy.



Darling: Mommy, what happened the other times you were pregnant?



Mommy: Twice when I was pregnant, I had miscarriages. I was really hoping to have a baby but my pregnancies didn't end up making babies. My body ended the pregnancies and I don't really know the reasons why.

Darling: Were you sad?

Mommy: Yes. I was so sad. Even though miscarriage is a chance during pregnancy, I was disappointed. For me, it was a pregnancy that didn't turn out how I had hoped.

The miscarriage hurt my body and it was scary for your big sister, who was just a little girl then. But in time, I was ok, and then after a little while I healed and was ready to try to get pregnant again so I could, maybe, make a baby.



Darling: And that baby was me! Mommy I'm so glad it was me! I love you.

Mommy: I love you too darling! You were just the baby for me. Do you think you will want to have a baby one day?



Darling: Maybe.



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