

Circle of joy

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Avery's WISH

"I wish to go to LEGOLAND®!"

Avery, 4, cancer

We often say that wishes are just as important for the families of wish kids as they are for wish kids themselves.

Avery was diagnosed with a Wilms tumor in 2017 and had successful treatments. In early 2018 tests showed that cancer had relapsed in Avery's body. At this point, Avery was referred to Make-A-Wish. He was very excited to start planning his wish. During his interview he asked if he could "go tomorrow?"

Avery loves his cat, butter chicken, soccer and most of all, building LEGO with his big brother, Sebastian. Sebastian and Avery are close, and Avery's dad, John, says that Sebastian has always been one of Avery's biggest supporters as he battles with cancer. It was only fitting, then, that **Sebastian helped reveal to his brother that Avery's wish to go to LEGOLAND** was going to come true. With the words uttered that the wish trip was about to take place, Avery jumped for joy in the family's living room.

Avery had recently spent eight months at BC Children's Hospital and was ready for a fun adventure. The family had an amazing time at LEGOLAND, and they also got to visit the surrounding theme parks in Florida and spent time on the beach, too. Avery's favourite part of LEGOLAND was going on the new Triple Decker Couch ride and getting to build a LEGO kit on site.

Today, Avery is still battling with cancer, but now he has the memories of his amazing family adventure to carry with him as he goes forward. As Avery's dad says "his spirit is indomitable. He plans to throw LEGO in the face of his cancer to kill it."



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BC Children's Hospital**

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