

Ted

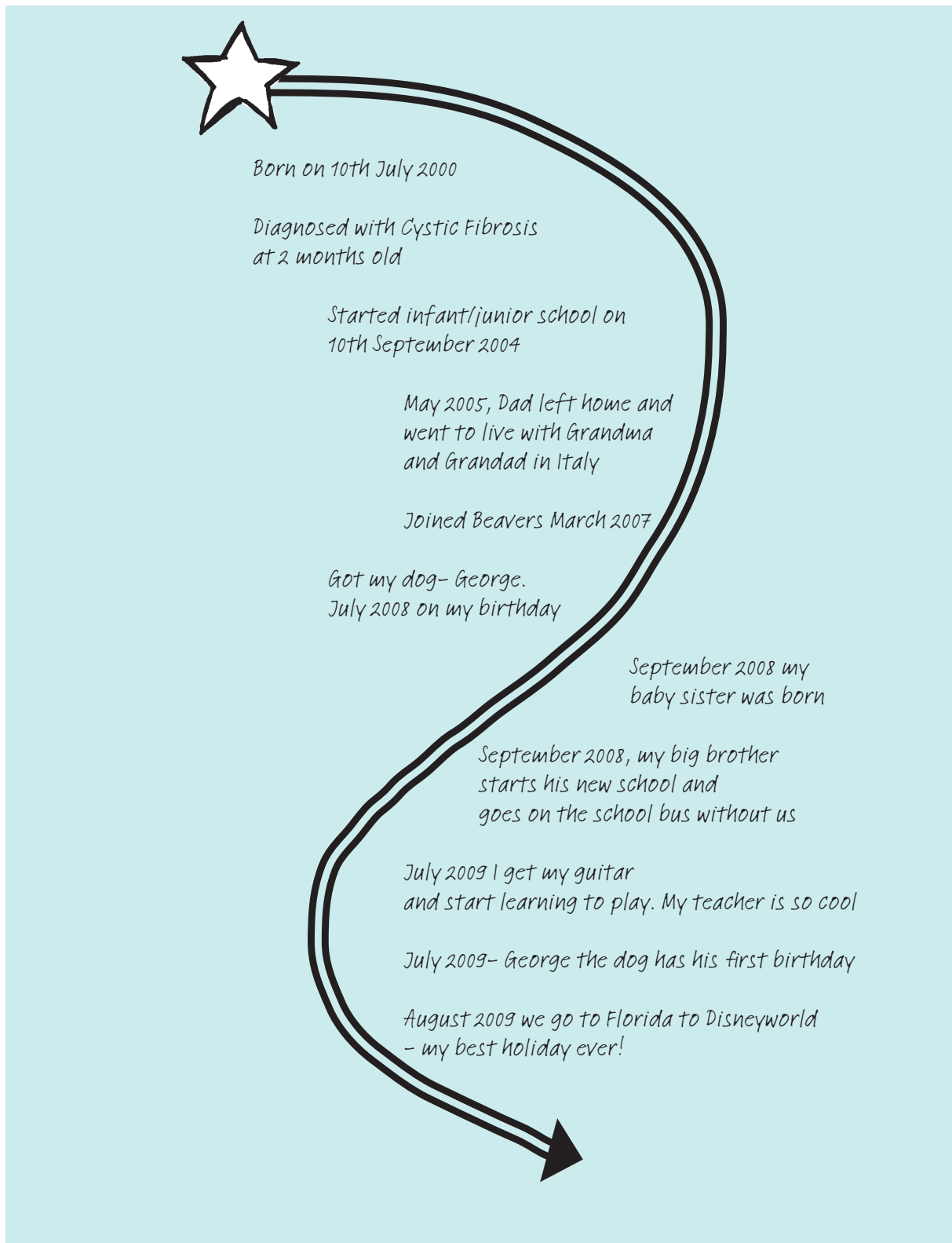


Ted is 10 years old. He has a very positive outlook on life and always tries to see the funny side of a situation. He is very responsible and looks after his family. He is a very bright young man and has done very well at school despite the many interruptions caused by his ill health. Ted loves to spend time with his family. He always lives life to the full and has a great sense of humour; he loves school life and spending time with his school friends in and out of school. He loves animals and spending time with his dog.

Ted has cystic fibrosis an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. He has a severe form of the disease and has been very ill all his life, with many admissions to hospital. He has been admitted to hospital for symptom management and End of Life (EOL) care. He has requested that this care be delivered at home. Ted's parents are divorced and he lives with his mother. Dad is Italian and has a big, close family network. Mum has quite recently become a Jehovah Witness. His older brother also has Cystic Fibrosis but has not been as unwell as Ted. They have an 18 month old sister who is well and healthy.

Ted's Mum wants to be responsible for as much of his care as she can by herself and wants him die at home with his family around him. The only proviso being that his body goes to undertakers as soon as possible after he has died. She is also clear that she does not want a big black hearse arriving at the house, so an undertaker who is 'child friendly' has already been identified and is aware of the situation. Ted and his family have had lots of support from the local Cystic Fibrosis team, a Barnardos' social worker, his school and the church.

What is my history...my important memories



What do I want to add as I think about the end of my life?

	What I want	What I don't want	My family's view
Where I want to die	<i>At home.</i>	<i>To be in hospital on my own.</i>	<i>My family wants to be with me.</i>
About my funeral (music, readings, flowers etc)	<i>I would like my funeral to be as happy as possible with all my friends and family there. I would like my brother to read. Music wise I would like Kasabian.</i>	<i>Black clothes.</i>	<i>My family say they will be very sad.</i>
About being buried or cremated (clothes, hair, jewellery)	<i>I want to be buried. I'd like to wear my jeans and my favourite shirt for my funeral.</i>	<i>Do not leave me in my pyjamas.</i>	<i>Mum would like Ted to lie in rest at the funeral directors, not at home.</i>
About the scattering of my ashes	<i>No ashes.</i>		
About what people do after my funeral (food, drink, a celebration, memorial)	<i>I would like everyone to have a party, like a birthday party with a cake. I would like everyone to let some of those balloons go outside.</i>		<i>The family will do what Ted wants.</i>
About a gravestone or marker for my ashes or burial place	<i>I would like to write a poem for my gravestone.</i>		
What else is important to me?	<i>I want to write down who I want to give my things to, my toys and CDs, my bike and computer.</i>	<i>I don't want someone to give all my things away.</i>	