

3 year old Kiptyn is an energetic and tough little three year old. Ask him what his favorite song, movie, game or book is and the answer for everything will be Disney's Cars. His favorite character is Mater, closely followed by Lightning McQueen. At only three, he is quite a fast learner, already having mastered his run bike and his scooter. There's no question his older sister Lija keeps him very busy and eager to keep up with her pace.

On Easter weekend of 2013, Kiptyn's mom brought him to the Children's Hospital because of the stomach flu. Thinking it was just an intestine problem the doctors took an ultrasound resulting in nothing. Rather than disregarding his pain they looked into it further and within 24 hours the doctors had found a tumor and had Kiptyn immediately in surgery for its removal. In the weeks that followed Kiptyn went through seven cycles and thirteen treatments of chemo. Kiptyn's mom describes that Easter weekend as, *'a parents worse nightmare, going in for a simple checkup and finding out its cancer'*.

Through their battle Kiptyn and his family have remained positive. Kiptyn's mom describes how just a few weeks after they were home from the hospital, Kiptyn began singing and quoting Gord Bamford's song, *Life is Good*. The lyric; *'Life is good, even when things aren't going quite the way we know they should'*, has become a family motto, and such wise powerful words for a three year old to hang onto.

When Kiptyn's family was approached by the Children's Wish Foundation there was no question that Disneyland would be Kiptyn's wish. Once finished chemo Kiptyn and his family will be able to experience the magic of Disney as a healthy, happy family and Kiptyn will get to meet and drive his favorite characters from Disney's Cars.