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The first time Allie went with her parents into the hub for their scheduled freefall exercises, Allie wanted to nurse. Consuelo fed her on demand. So Consuelo slipped her arms out of her jumpsuit and pulled it down over her breasts. Mario unhooked her bra and Consuelo took it off. Mario shoved it into a pocket of his jumpsuit.

Consuelo held Allie in her arms and Allie began to nurse. Mario opened all the doors on their way. They took the elevator instead of the stairs so Allie could nurse without Consuelo climbing the steps.

They stepped into the airlock to the exercise room in the hub. The door swung closed behind them. They waited for the air pressure to adjust. Then the airlock door swung in. They stepped out of the way and then stepped toward the opening.

Mario put his arms around Consuelo who held Allie in her arms. Allie was still on the first breast.

At a sign from the aides in the exercise room, Mario did a little jump out of the airlock. With his arms around his wife and daughter, the three floated out of the airlock and into the exercise room in the hub. They were weightless.

Mario was able to do this without vertigo because the zero g exercise room was surrounded with walls. It wasn't the same as being out in space without any boundaries. He could do this, but he could not exercise in the net outside. That was too overwhelming. The net was not enough of a boundary for him. He could still see the stars.

The aides kept them from floating against a wall and positioned them in open air. Mario let go of Consuelo and they floated in zero gravity. He didn't want to drift away from Consuelo, so he moved around her and put his hands on her hips.

For their first time with the baby in zero g, all they were to do was hold Allie as they floated in zero gravity for an hour. There

would be no exercises.

Mario and Consuelo floated as they watched Allie nurse. Allie emptied the first breast and moved over to the other breast.

As they watched Allie nursing, even inhaling and exhaling in freefall tended to move their bodies this way or that way. The aides made sure that they were always safe.

When Allie finished nursing, she looked around. There were some other people across the room doing their monthly required freefall exercises in a see-through maze. Allie watched as someone touched a wall and pushed off and did a flip and a turn and headed toward another wall in the maze.

Mario used his arms and moved away from Consuelo and Allie. He stopped when he was arm's length away from them.

Mario held out his arms and called, "Allie! Allie! Look over here!"

Allie stopped watching the person in the maze and looked over at her father. Mario gestured with his fingers and said, "Come here, Allie."

Consuelo let go of Allie and gave her the slightest nudge. Allie floated over to her father so very slowly. Mario waited until Allie bumped into him before putting his arms around her. Mario kissed her and hugged her.

Then Consuelo called, "Allie! Allie! Look over here!"

Allie turned her head and looked over her shoulder at her mother. Consuelo held her hands up and wiggled her fingers. Consuelo said, "Come here, Allie!"

Mario turned Allie around so she was facing her mother. Mario gave Allie the slightest nudge and Allie floated over to her mother and bumped into her mother's breasts.

Consuelo cuddled with Allie and rocked her. Mario and Consuelo sang a lullaby to her as her mother rocked with her. Then they did the whole thing over again.

Allie's introduction to zero gravity was done so slowly and gently. It wasn't long before Allie would push off of her mother or father with a kick of her feet so she would shoot across the

distance between them very fast. And she would giggle as she floated. Mario or Consuelo would catch her so she didn't hit them with any force. They would hug her and kiss her and do it again.

Robert loved the play in freefall with Allie. Anytime Allie got scared, Robert was in her mind whispering, **{*It's okay. It's all right. I'm here. I'm with you.*}**

Allie adapted to freefall very easily. Robert went inside Allie's head whenever Consuelo or Mario or both of them took Allie for her regular freefall exercises.