

## McKenzie's Story

Hello my name is Mckenzie a few days before my sixth birthday i was diagnosed with a rare muscle cancer rhabdomyosarcoma the red spot in my eye in the picture is the cancer

I've had countless scans,x rays and blood tests after chemo and radiation I lost all my hair and got real sick but i refused to give up I had many people praying for me in prayer chains my strength has helped more people than I'll ever know. Make a wish sent me to Disney World when I finished my chemo I was in remission for 10 months and on Halloween in 2011 my eye swelled up and we found out the cancer had returned. Dr.s wanted to remove my eye. I didn't want to so I did more radiation and chemo now I suffer from radiation damage I have a cataract on my eye so vision is limited in that eye my nose bleeds without warning and I have to see my sinus Dr. every three months and Dr. handcock at Teton oncology every four months I will most likely be on antibiotics the rest of my life every few months problems arise and I need to have an MRI too check for re accurance so far I've been lucky and I've been in remission one year. I am 9 years old now I live in blackfoot idaho with my parents and my two brothers Jordan 14, and Riley 11 and a baby sister Alyssa who is 3. I love my lil sister, school and my family. When I grow up I want to be a nurse or a teacher. Mckenzie is a very strong child never complaining of pain she always wanting to help she has had to stay in for recess alot due to illnesses so she helps the teacher clean.. this little girl is amazing and im not just saying that cause im her momma