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Notes:

I’ve deleted the words “your son” because this couple knows each other well, and Jon would more naturally say only the boy’s name without adding this explanation. I suspect you intended to clue in the reader, but it becomes obvious from her reply that Eli is a child (and the reader will guess her son).