

## THE SIBLING JOURNAL



## **About This Journal:**

Before you get to know the journal, you need to know the people who created it.

### **LEFA Collective:**

LEFA Collective founded by Lexie Dopp is a brand on a mission to create mental health tools accessible and avalible to everyone who needs them. They strive to create products that fit seamlessly into your daily routines to help you do & feel your best.

### **Utah Parent Center:**

The mission of the Utah Parent Center's Sibling Project is to help parents help their children, who are siblings to their child with disabilities. We provide free activities, support groups, and mental health tools like this journal to siblings.

We hope this journal will be a tool you can use any time you feel the overwhelming emotions that can come with being a sibling of a child with a disability.

We see you!

Love your friends at LEFA Collective
and the Utah Parent Center



## Write a letter to your younger self

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Dear younger me	

## I wish people didn't say...



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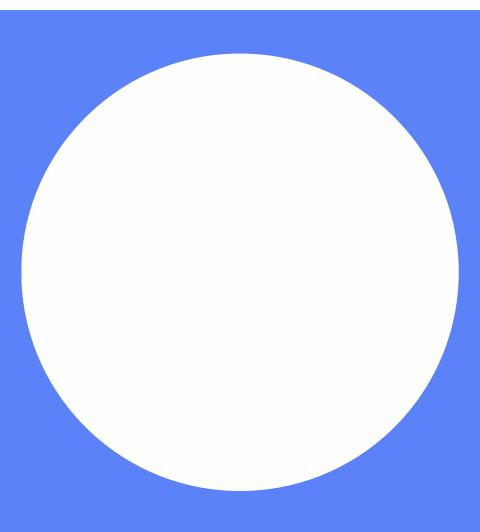
## WRITE & RIP UP

Write everything in your heart. Tear this page out & rip it up. Release any lingering emotions you have as you tear the page. Let it come, let it go, let it flow.


## I wish I had the courage to talk about...

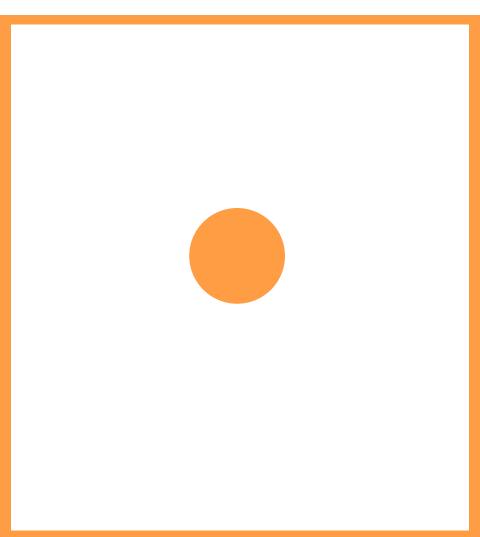
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Write everything inside your circle of control...



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## Write everything outside your circle of control



# Something about my childhood I wish was different is...



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### Ways I can protect my peace...



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## I wish people understood...

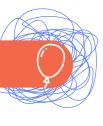
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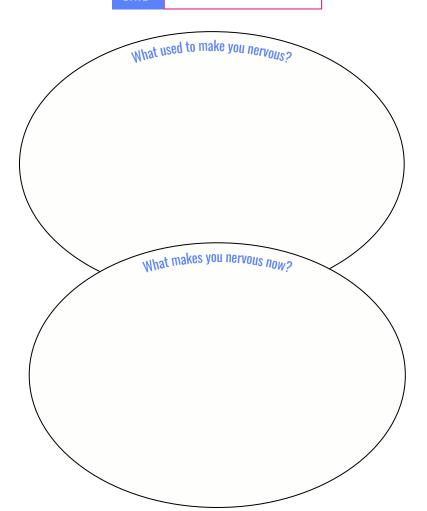
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## Something I miss is...


## Something I haven't said out loud...

## THEN VS. NOW

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## WRITE DOWN TWO CHILDHOOD CORE MEMORIES

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## A symbol that gives me hope is...

## The happiest moment of my life so far is...

Write a six word poem about how it feels to be a sibling  DATE:  Write 6 things you're grateful for right now	DATE:			
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## You can rise. You can heal.

You can overcome.



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## DRAW A WORD CLOUD WITH ALL THE EMOTIONS YOU CIRLCED

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## It feels really hard to say...

## Sometimes I feel guilty for...

## I feel ignored when...




## DO YOU SEE CHILDREN IN YOUR FUTURE?

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	Why, or why	not?	

## FEELING AFRAID

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What was the scariest moment of your life?
How did this event affect your family or sibling?
How did this event affect your family or sibling?

## A memory I wish I could erase would be when...

What is something you lost that you would like to regain?	Q)





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## Reasons why this really sucks...



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## THE HARDEST TIME OF THE DAY IS



## **MORNING / AFTERNOON / NIGHT**

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	THIS IS WHY	

## I feel supported by my loved ones when...

# Something I haven't ever told anyone is...

## TIME TO RELEASE

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What do you want to let go of?
What is something you lost that you would like to reclaim?

## This week I have felt... ..... .....

## I honor my emotions when $I_{\cdots}$




## A WORD STICKING OUT TO ME IS

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## A gentle reminder:

You can feel grief and gratitude at the same time.

## I GIVE MYSELF PERMISSION TO EVOLVE.

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Now I feel

# What do you want to let go of?



## I am allowed to feel...

## WHAT MAKES ME FEEL...

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Joy	7
Anger	
Sadness	
Fear	
Excitement	
Disappointment	
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Heartache	
Disgust	
Shock	
Freedom	
Grief	
Shame	
Curiosity	
Inspiration	
Acceptance	
Distance	
Aggression	
Depression	
Peace	

# I can show myself compassion by...

Having a sibling with a disability has changed my perception of	कु

## STOP and breathe

INHALE

HOLD

HOLD

**EXHALE** 

## **COMPARING PERSPECTIVES**

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In what way a	re you simila	r to your peer	s?	
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# I can show myself compassion by...

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## I AM FEELING

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Write everything you're feeling today			
Why do you feel that way?			

## The Power of "YET"

I can't do this... YET This doesn't work...
YET

I don't get this... YET I don't know... YET

## I feel tired & overwhelmed when...

The thing I am most afraid of right now is & if that happens I will	र्खे

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## I feel so confused by...

# New things are happening & I feel...

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### Write a letter to your future self

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## F-E-A-R

has two meanings: Forget Everything And Run

or

Face Everything And Rise.

The choice is yours.



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## I keep showing up & moving forward because...

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What is resilience? It is the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties.



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## People I feel safe & supported by...



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## I feel supported when...






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5 things I love about my sibling:	
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With my perspective as a sibling, I can help others by	43

## My hopes for the future...

Use these blank pages to share whatever else is in your heart	र्खे



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For more free resources to help families impacted by all disabilities and special healthcare needs: utahparentcenter.org

For more daily tools to help your family heal visit:

lefacollective.com

