**Sibling Connection**

[A Picture Book]

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[ART NOTE: Sunny day, in a garden, two kids holding hands ]

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On a beautiful sunny morning, Sarah woke up on the wrong side of the bed, which seemed like everything was a mess. From spilling her cereal to missing her school bus it was starting to look like the worst day of her life.

(Show Sarah is having a bad day. Starting with her hair being a mess, spilled cereal on the floor, her missing her school bus)

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School didn’t go so well either, she felt a heavy weight in her chest. And kept thinking of her mother's words. “It’s OK to have bad days.”

(Show Sarah walking home and kicking pebbles being really upset)

Page 4-Sarah opens the front door, needing nothing but a hug from her mother.

(Sara pushes it open. The front door shows the inside of the front door being empty and dark.)

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Sarah’s mother was in bed, cradling a teeny, tiny baby infant in her arms.

(Show Sarah being in shock Looking at her mom laying down in bed and looking unwell.)

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Sarah’s mother smiled and asked her to come closer, asking her to look at the baby she was holding.

(Shows Sarah’s mother, opening her arms to Sarah)

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Sarah walks towards her mother, with a heavy heart and a mix of emotions as confusion takes over.

(Show Sarah walking towards her mother)

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And there it was this tiny human being that looked very similar to herself.

(Show Sarah meeting her baby brother for the first time)

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In this moment, she wasn’t sure how she should feel as she held her baby brother her heart started to warm up and she felt a wave of love go through her body.

(Show Sarah holding the baby brother)

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Sarah’s mom showed her how to change diapers and sing lullabies to the baby.

(Show Sarah’s mom changing the diaper, then show Sarah closing her nose and making a face.)

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Sarah even shared her cookies, and although the baby couldn’t have any of it, the baby looked in delight

(show Sarah debating whether she should share the cookies with her brother or not)

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Sarah watched in fascination as the baby’s tiny finger reached for her.

(show Sarah being fully in love as a baby approaches her with their tiny fingers, and she looks at him with a loving face)

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As the days went on, Sarah and the baby played together and laughed.

(Show Sarah playing with the baby)

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With each passing day, their bond grew stronger and stronger.

(Show Sarah holding this one-year-old close to her and being overjoyed)

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Sarah felt so special being her mother’s little helper.

(Show Sarah helping her mom with the baby, making a milk bottle or cleaning)

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Sarah looked out the window one day and realized how her miserable day had become something so beautiful.

(Show Sarah looking out the window with her baby brother being next to her trying to look out as well)

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Sarah went on many adventures with her baby brother.

(Show Sarah and the baby going to Disneyland)

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(Show Sarah and her little brother sleeping peacefully.)

At night they slept peacefully, knowing that their family was full of love, and knowing they always had each other.

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(show Sarah and her baby Brother, hugging, playing with toys and going on picnics in different illustrations)

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So, in this tiny city full of sunshine and joy, Sarah spent every day filled with love, a warmheart, and being grateful for her family.

(Park or picnic setting)

**About the author**

The book “Sibling Connection” is for children in preoperational stage of childhood development. As Jean Piaget explains, this stage shows how a toddler imagination start to develop human-like qualities, emotional and social understanding. Story highlights a toddler adjusting to the arrival of a newborn. While still having mixed emotions, a little disbelief and discomfort. However, as they grow older, they start to feel a like, love and a bonding amongst each other.

The inspirational book was, "Julius, the Baby of the World" by Kevin Henke’s, that also explored the emotions of a young girl named lily, when her new baby brother was born, she went discomfort and annoyed. While Lily initially felt resentment and jealousy. Sarah felt accepting and loving her baby brother. In last both sisters started to have a stronger bond and love for each other.

Henke’s, Kevin. *Julius, the Baby of the World*. CNIB, 2001.