

What My Brother Taught Me

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I am a first grader in junior high school. And I have a second grader brother in elementary school.

When my brother was about 1 year old, my parents realized that he was sick, and it turned out that his development was delayed more than other children.

My parents took my brother to various hospitals. He had a lot of examinations at the hospital, but my parents can not identify the cause. I asked my father what he thought of my brother.

My father said that he worried that my brother could not communicate properly with his friends because my brother could not spend at the elementary school at the same pace as other children.

So, my father wanted to listen to my brother's story as much as possible and to understand a little about what my brother was thinking. And my father said that he wanted my brother to think that my father is an ally.

I asked my mother what she thought of my brother.

My mother lets my brother experience as much as she can, and gives my brother a lot of inspiration, finds my brother's good spot and makes my brother have some confidence. For that reason, my mother said she was willing to spend her time and money.

And one day my mother said she would be happy if the difference between my brother and other children would be filled.

It seems that my grandfather and my grandmother can not help but my brother is cute.

And my grandfather and my grandmother both say that my brother is friendly and very kind child, and they are very healed by him.

What is my idea for my brother? As for my brother, I think that the appearance of my brother is cool. I think my brother's sleeping face is the best in the world.

My brother is less able to do compared to other children, and he has many inflexible is

the only irreplaceable entity.

And if my brother is no longer in the world, I can not help but miss him.

I usually do the following to my brother.

- When I and my brother are at home alone, I cook rice for my brother.
- I brought my brother's school bag and luggage when I and my brother were attending elementary school together.
- When my brother is tired I take my brother on my back.

As good that my brother was born, I think the following.

I became able to feel close to people with physical weakness and people with disabilities that I had never thought so much before.

And that I came to think about how such a person feels and lives.

Not only my brother, but also my friends and children around me, and the people I'm involved with, I can not be indifferent and I always want to be a kind person that I can think of in the other person's feeling.

Not only I, but many people in the world think about people with disabilities and people in a weak position, and I think it is better to understand a little about others and live together. By doing so, I think that the number of wars, sad incidents, and accidents happening in this world will be reduced even a little.

I think that you will surely find a way of support that everyone can do alone by thinking seriously and thinking in the other person's feelings.

I would like to continue think and act in such a way that everyone will respect each other, get along well, be kind to others, and become such a society.