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### **A Sister Who was Never Truly Gone**

Once there was a girl named Piper who was seven years old. She also had an older sister named Carlee. Being the younger one Piper often thought Carlee was rude or bossy at times, but at the same time hanging out with Carlee was the best part of the day. Just like all people Carlee had gotten older, but Piper hardly ever noticed until Carlee had to leave for college. Piper pleaded Carlee to stay, but Carlee just shook her head and said, "Piper I can't stay here forever," and took off in her car. Piper realized she would be spending four long years alone. She had no one to read with before bed. No one to drive her to the mall and on a shopping spree with her. Nobody was there to help her with her homework, be there when she was sad, or go to the park with. The worst thing that came out of the "going to college" package was that Piper lost her best friend. One day a letter came, and it said there had been an accident. Carlee was walking back to her dorm when a car didn't stop at a red-light hitting Carlee. When word got back to Piper, she cried so hard knowing she could never let go. Her best friend wasn't gone for four years anymore, now it was forever. A couple weeks later Piper visited Carlee's grave and surrounded it with so many memories they shared. Piper leaned her head against the grave and whispered softly "I like that you're my sister, but love that you're my friend." Suddenly she felt something brush past her and found herself staring at Carlee's spirit. Her spirit smiled and said "Piper I will always be there. I am never truly gone." Piper nodded with tears in her eyes and began to leave and looked back at Carlee's spirit who waved her goodbye. What Carlee told Piper was true. Piper's sister never left her and was never truly gone.