

# SIBSHOPS

## Did you know?



Sisters and brothers will likely have the longest-lasting relationship with a sibling who has special needs or disabilities. During their lives, they will experience the unique joys and concerns their parents do, yet few will have the chance to talk about their experiences with other siblings who “get it”.

Brothers and sisters of children with special needs, disabilities and chronic illness have a group that’s just for them, Sibshops. Sibshops are peer support groups that offer a safe and engaging space for siblings to learn, have fun, meet and be supported by other children who understand what it’s like to have a sibling with special needs.

Interested in having your child(ren) participate in Sibshops?  
Contact Andréa to sign up!

Sibshops are held monthly  
for children/youth  
6-13 years of age

Contact Andréa Vugteveen  
for more information  
or to sign up for a group  
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616-460-3781

Sibshops are held at  
Faith Reformed Church  
220 W. Central Ave  
Zeeland, MI 49464

Sibshops participant fee  
is \$10 per child  
Scholarships are available

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*Children will have the opportunity to*

Meet other children who understand  
the unique experience of having a  
sibling with special needs

Share their experiences and  
feelings about having a brother or  
sister with special needs

Learn more about their sibling’s  
special needs

Learn new ways to cope  
with the challenges that come with  
being a sibling of a child with  
special needs

...and have lots of fun

**Ottawa County  
Fall Dates**

**September 6  
October 4  
November 1**

**Sibshops meet from  
9:30-11:00am**

**\*\*December 6\*\*  
Holiday Party with our  
Grand Rapids Sibshops  
Groups**

