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## LETTER TO CHILDREN WORKSHEET

### **Introduction:**

Tell your child why you are writing this letter and when (what date):

### **Describe a few favorite memories:**

With them alone, when they were a baby, as a family,...

### **Your proudest moment in their life:**

What are you proud of that you want them to know/remember?

### **Something you regretted in your relationship that you wish they knew about:**

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**Values you hope they will share with you:**

Family, honesty, connection. What values you want them to remember.

**What you wanted for them:**

For their career, family, education, etc.

**Something they probably don't know about you:**

Could be funny, or silly, or something deeper.

**What you want them to remember about you:**

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Other comments/notes/memories:

Conclusion/Final words

Use this worksheet to think through some of the things you want to have for your child to read when you are gone. You might write it when they are young, so write a new letter every year or every few years as the letter will change as they (and you) do.

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## LETTER TO GUARDIANS WORKSHEET

We highly recommend writing a letter (or letters) to the nominated guardians of your children. This is for several reasons:

1. Your guardians will have more practical guidance if they are ever in the position to serve as guardian; and
2. The legally binding guardianship nominations often don't include this kind of detail. Practically speaking, it isn't cost effective to have all of the details in your documents as you would have to update them every time something changed.

This worksheet is an outline of a place to start in explaining your *wishes* and *desires* for how your guardians will raise your children.

Please remember that your guardianship nominations will override this letter and that the court has the final determination on who is the guardian of your child's person.

This letter is simply to provide **guidance** to the guardians so they have more information about how you would raise your children.

**IMPORTANT:** Talk with the people you want to nominate *before* you sign your estate planning documents.

### **Child's Information:**

Address, phone number, email, etc.

### **Introduction to letter:**

Explain why you are writing this letter to the guardians.

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### Values you want them to instill in your child:

Teamwork, kindness, taking responsibility for actions, etc.

### Educational Goals:

What is important to you, what do you think they should help prioritize?  
College, trade school, starting a business. Is there a specific school you think they would fit well at?

### Non-Academic Activities:

What sports should they play (or not play), what kinds of activities would you encourage? What about music, art, dance, science camp? Do you think they should get an after school job?

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### **Important Contacts:**

List all important people: Physician, dentist, tutor, babysitter, therapist, etc.

### **Faith/Religious beliefs:**

What faith or religion do you want them to share with you child (Note: you want to think about this before you nominate someone and confirm that they will follow your wishes).

### **Additional wishes:**

Write down any additional wishes and thoughts that you think your guardian would like to know or that you want them to know.

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