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Juju is still dancing...

At least every other week, my sister Jeni braces herself before she

tells me yet another JJ and Juju story. JJ is her 5-1/2 year-old son. (Juju is the name that Justin's little



cousin Mia gave him because she could not say Justin, and it stuck.) JJ was only 2.5 years old when Justin died, but boy was he aware and in touch with him beyond anything I have ever seen from a young child.



blog three years ago: "Juju Dancing." It was about a true event that occurred a mere 2 months after Justin died. The synopsis goes something like this: Jeni and JJ were coming to surprise me for my birthday a few short months after Justin died. Jeni walked in my house with an astonished look on her face. The first thing she said before she could even say the slighted sounding "surprise" was

"Throughout the

flight, JJ kept laugh-

the window smiling

and saying, "Juju is

dancing, he is saying

ing and looking out of

He was so glad that he was the

cousins-for a change. I wrote a

elder amongst the little

Justin and his cousins

bye-bye...

Juju is Still Dancing

Juju dancing Photo Credit Darrell Carr

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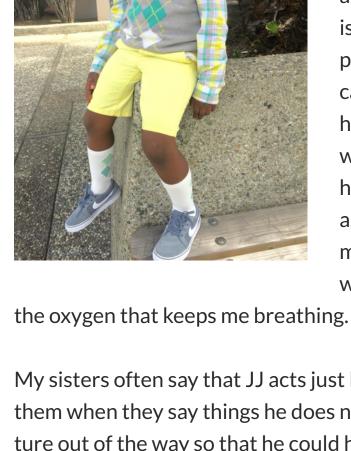
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awhile. I was reflecting on my most recent conversation that I had

with Jeni just a few days ago. She said JJ overheard her speaking with me the other night when we were talking on the phone. When

This afternoon, decided I had to write just a few words. It's been

she hung up he said: "When is Juju coming back from heaven? I sure want him to get to know me now." I don't know how she responded or better yet if she could... I think we all have pondered this very same question every once in awhile over the past few years. It



person who lives on this earth can really answer. We all will hold a precious memory of Justin with us in our hearts and minds. I honestly think it will be forever as we bravely grace this Earth. As most of you know, I tuck Justin with me everywhere I go. He is My sisters often say that JJ acts just like Justin! He rolls his eyes at them when they say things he does not agree with, he moves furniture out of the way so that he could have enough room to do his cartwheels and he loves to dance and move his body to the current

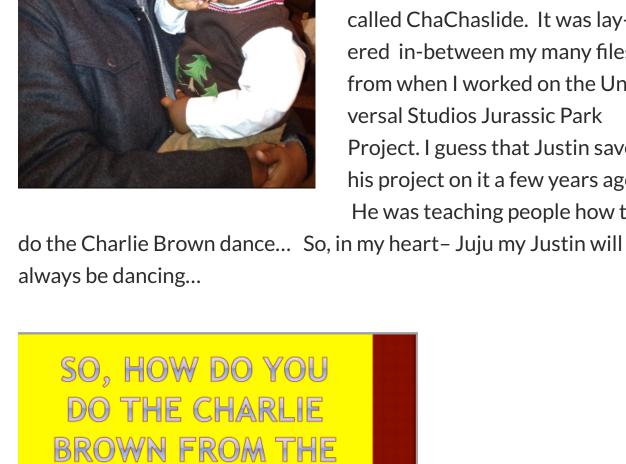
is that lingering question that no

sounds of the day- and oh yes; JJ also has that infamous smile—just like is cousin Juju.

I have transformed. My friend Valerie writes it all the time. "If nothing ever changed there would be no such thing as a butterfly, no such thing as Justin, the sacred spirit. Life is beautiful (and cruel) because there is change. The thing we can't change has this very peculiar way of changing us." The music changes. It does. And so must the dance." So, when (I know there will be a time) JJ asks me "Is Juju home now?

I will tell him with a bit of joy in my heart: JJ just close your eyes and

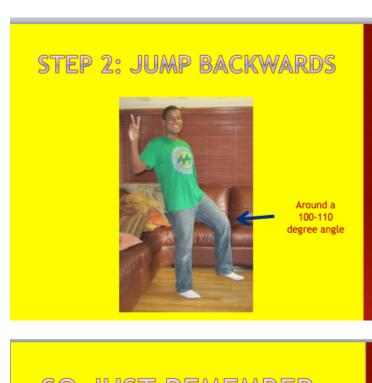
you can feel Juju as you visualize all the butterflies and stars dancing in the clouds and swimming to the moon. I guess I always think of how much Justin loved dancing. I loved dancing with him. This week, my breath was taken away again, when I opened up an old flash drive I found. On it was this PowerPoint presentation

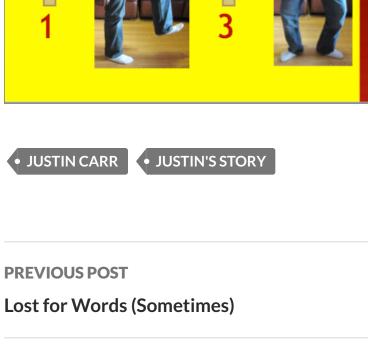


from when I worked on the Universal Studios Jurassic Park Project. I guess that Justin saved his project on it a few years ago. He was teaching people how to CHA-CHA SLIDE???

called ChaChaslide. It was lay-

ered in-between my many files





REPLY

MAY 19, 2016 AT 10:08 PM As I read this I loved the movie in my head of Justin dancing in the clouds and waving and smiling at JJ and all of us! I will start looking in the clouds on rainbow days, just in case he

Catherynne

REPLY

MAY 19, 2016 AT 10:07 PM

Marianne Hall APRIL 18, 2016 AT 3:32 PM

This could be a wonderful children's story for a book and/or

animation.."JuJu Dancing" ...

Thank you so much for for giving me a preview! With love, Justin's Ms. Hall REPLY **Mary Martin**

Holding you all so close, always!

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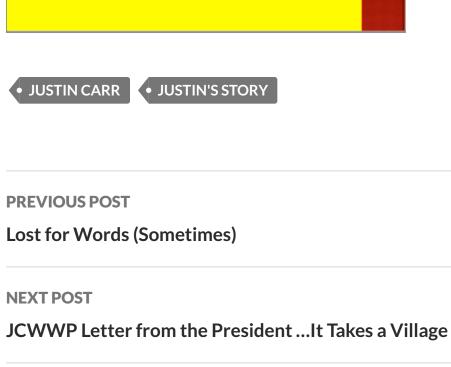
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without having a bountiful of love inside.

Lee Jourdan MAY 14, 2017 AT 8:08 PM Sis, that was just beyond precious. Thank you for sharing this. What a smile Justin had. You can't smile like that so often

Catherynne

peeks around the rainbow and is doing a dance! REPLY

I love to see the movie in my head of Justin dancing in the

clouds, waving and winking at JJ (and all of us!)

Susan, This is one of the very best stories yet - so beautifully written and illustrated. You weave together the many incidents that really happened with wishes that are just as real... and other related dance episodes that just "appeared" (like CHA CHA SLIDE) and that you "couldn't make up"!!

APRIL 18, 2016 AT 7:15 AM Sue Boo...thank you for always including me! I love to read these and you make "us" feel as if we are part of your family and that your Justin is one of ours, as well.

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