How to Handle Strong Emotions:

50 Coping Skills that can help with anger, anxiety, stress, and feeling sad

- 1. Take slow belly breaths
- 2. Ask an adult for help
- 3. SHARE YOUR FEELINGS WITH SOME ONE YOU TRUST
- 4. Kick a ball
- 5. Shoot a basketball
- 6. Stretch
- **7.** Count to 10 or 100
- 8. WATCH FUNNY YOUTUBE VIDEOS
- 9. Take a shower or bath
- 10. Blow bubbles
- 11. Blow up a balloon
- 12. Lie down and relax
- 13. TIGHTEN ALL YOUR MUSCLES AND THEN GO LIMP LIKE SPAGHETTI
- 14. Cuddle a stuffed animal
- 15. Play with a pet
- 16. Paint with a brush or your fingers
- 17. Draw or colour
- 18. SCREAM INTO A PILLOW
- 19. Listen to a happy song
- 20. Go for a walk
- 21. Ride a bike
- 22. Do jumping jacks
- 23. LIE DOWN AND WATCH THE CLOUDS
- 24. Write a song or poem
- **25.** Write in a journal



- 26. Draw with sidewalk chalk
- **27.** Pull weeds in a garden
- 28. PLANT A FLOWER
- 29. Have a cold glass of water
- 30. Make a scrapbook
- 31. Take some pictures
- **32. Make a vide**o or slideshow
- 33. RIP UP OLD NEWSPAPERS
- 34. Look at the stars
- 35. Read a hook
- 36. Think happy thoughts
- 37. Think of a happy memory
- 38. HELP SOMEONE ELSE
- 39. Clean your room
- **40.** Squeeze a stress ball
- 41. Make a stress ball
- 42. Play with play dough
- 43. LOOK AT A MAGAZINE
- 44. Make a collage
- 45. Dance
- 46. Look at pictures of things you love
- **47. Skip**
- 48. BAKE A DESSERT (WITH AN ADULT)
- 49. Splash your face with cold water
- 50. Watch a movie