www.vmap.org

## NAVIGATING GRIEF: RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

From the American Academy of Pediatrics (HealthyChildren.org)

- Five Ways to Help Your Child Remember and Celebrate Loved Ones
- How Children Understand Death & What You Should Say
- Childhood Grief: When to Seek Additional Help

## **Resources by Age Group**

Young Children	<ul> <li>Video series by the Sesame Workshop Group on Childhood Grief <u>sesameworkshop.org/resources/helping-kids-grieve/</u></li> <li>Helping Young Children with Traumatic Grief: Tips for Caregivers <u>nctsn.org/resources/helping-young-children-traumatic-grief-tips-caregivers</u></li> <li><i>The Invisible String</i>, by Patrice Karst</li> <li><i>Something Very Sad Happened: A Toddlers Guide to Understanding Death</i>, by B. Zucker</li> <li><i>I Miss You: A First Look at Death</i>, by Pat Thomas</li> </ul>
School-Age Children	<ul> <li>Helping School-Age Children with Traumatic Grief: Tips for Caregivers <u>nctsn.org/resources/helping-school-age-children-traumatic-grief-tips-caregivers</u></li> <li>Everett Anderson's Goodbye, by Lucille Clifton, about a father's death</li> <li>My Grandson Lew, by Charlotte Zolotow, about a grandparent's death</li> <li>When Something Terrible Happens, by Marge Heegaard</li> <li>When Someone Very Special Dies, by Marge Heegaard</li> <li>Good Answers to Tough Questions About Death, by Joy Berry</li> <li>Help Me Say Goodbye: Activities for Helping Kids Cope When a Special Person Dies, by Janis Silverman</li> </ul>
Teens	<ul> <li>Helping Teens with Traumatic Grief: Tips for Caregivers: <u>nctsn.org/resources/helping-teens-traumatic-grief-tips-caregivers</u></li> <li>Weird Is Normal: When Teenagers Grieve, by J.L. Wheeler</li> </ul>
All Ages	<ul> <li><u>Ten Tips for Supporting Children Who Are Grieving</u> (dougy.org)</li> <li><i>Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children</i>, by Bryan Mellonie</li> <li><i>The Fall of Freddie the Leaf</i>, by Leo Buscaglia</li> <li><i>I have a question about Death. Clear answers for all kids, including Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other special needs</i>, by A.G. Gaines, M.E. Polsky</li> <li><i>The Next Place</i>, by Warren Hansen</li> <li><i>A Complete Book About Death for Kids</i>, by Earl Grollman</li> <li>After a Loved One Dies: How Children Grieve and How Parents and Other Adults Can Support Them: <u>newyorklife.com/assets/docs/pdfs/claims/Bereavement-bklet-English.pdf</u></li> </ul>

This material was last reviewed or updated on 12/15/2023. It is intended for informational purposes only and does not replace the advice or counsel of a doctor or health care professional. This material may be reproduced for educational purposes only. © 2024 Medical Society of Virginia Foundation