

Gilda's Club South Jersey

Resources for Families Living with Cancer

Books for Children who have a Parent or Family Member with Cancer

Michael's Mommy Has Breast Cancer by Lisa Torrey. (ages 5-10) This book addresses the universal fears and concern confronting children when their mother has breast cancer. With the help of his grandma and dad, Michael learns how to cope with his mom's cancer and his own feelings of guilt, fear, and helplessness. A story of hope, this sensitively woven tale informs as it gently encourages essential parent and child discussion.

Mom's Don't Get Sick by Pat and Ben Brack. A mother and son write about their experience and the emotions that go along with having cancer. This book can be applied to any extended illness.

My Daddy's Cancer: An Interactive Book for Children by Cindy Klein Cohen and John T. Heiney. (ages 3 and up) This is a story and activity book for children with loved ones facing cancer. It provides a story for adults to read to children. The story answers many questions that children have when a loved one is ill. There are several activities that help children and pointers for parents and caregivers.

My Mommy Has Cancer by Shari Lichtenstein. Told from the viewpoint of a 10-year old boy whose mom has been diagnosed with cancer, this book describes the affect of the diagnosis on the children and adults in the household, and portrays the emotional turmoil a child experiences when this occurs. Each page is illustrated by a child whose mom has cancer.

My Mommy Has Cancer by Carolyn Stearns Parkinson. (ages 4-8)

Once Upon a Hopeful Night by Risa S. Yaffe. This book is for any parent or child living with illness in their family. Not only can it help people to cope with how to deal with their children in these times of stress, but it also serves as a reminder of what is truly important in life: the love and support of family. This book accomplishes the difficult and often painful task of revealing to your kids that you have cancer in a rather caring and simple way.

Our Family Has Cancer, Too by Christine Clifford. (ages 7-12) Providing comfort through the knowledge that "you are not alone." A special "Questions to Ask" section invites kids to write down their questions for parents, doctors, teachers, and others. Additional worksheets inspire family members to draw and record their feelings for later discussion. Powerful "Stop and Discuss" suggestions throughout the book encourage dialogue between parents and children. This book also contains a glossary of the most common words that kids might hear when someone in their family has cancer.

Paper Chain by Claire Blake, Eliza Branchard, Kathy Parkinson, and Elizabeth Murphy-Melas. (ages 4-8) Written by a mother who was diagnosed with breast cancer, this book strives to help her young sons understand the difficult situation of serious parental illness being faced by the family. It provides concrete examples for positive steps families can take to help children cope successfully with a parent's illness.

Promises by Elizabeth Winthrop. (ages 4-8) Sarah's world turns upside down when her mother becomes ill, only becoming more ill after treatments. She is frequently in the in hospital, and when at home, she needs to rest. Towards the close of this moving and hopeful story, Sarah's mom begins to feel better, but cannot promise that she will not become sick again, but she can make other assurances.

Sammy's Mommy Has Cancer by Sherry Kohlenberg. (ages 4-8) Winner of the "Best Book of 1994" from the American Medical Writers Association, this book was written by a mother diagnosed with breast cancer in an attempt to help her young son understand what was happening to her.

When Eric's Mom Fought Cancer by Judith Vigna. (ages 4-8) Eric's mom goes to the hospital for surgery. Her treatment following surgery causes her to be fatigued and her hair to fall out. Eric is frightened and often resentful because she is too tired to do the things they used to do together. It is a reassuring tale for children with illness in their home.

My Family is Living with Cancer by Sandra Peyser Hazouri and Miriam Smith McLaughlin. Mar* Co Products, Inc., 1994

Mira's Month by Deborah Weinstein-Stern. BMT Newsletter, (708) 831-1913, 1994.

What is Cancer Anyway?: Explaining Cancer to Children of All Ages by Karen L. Carney. (ages 4-8) This book provides basic information that is essential to understanding a cancer diagnosis.

Life Isn't Always a Day at the Beach by Pam Ganz and Tobi Scofield. (ages 5-12) An activity book for children touched by cancer.

Draw Me a Picture II: A Friend for Life by Susan Nessim. (ages 7-12) Story and activity book for children touched by cancer.

The Hope Tree by Laura Numeroff and Wendy Harpham, MD. Story written by children who have been touched by breast cancer.

Our Mom Has Cancer by ACS, Abigail and Adrienne Ackermann. Storybook written by two little girls whose mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Illustrated by children as well.

When your Brother or Sister Has Cancer by ACS. (ages 6-14) A pamphlet type book for siblings. Good to read with parents.

When Someone You Love Has a Serious Illness by Marge Heegaard. (ages 5-12) An activity book for children touched by serious illness.

Both Sides Now by Ruth Pennebaker. Witnessing her mother's battle with breast cancer, a teenage daughter finds her own strength. Liza's mother has just completed an exhausting, but promising, treatment for breast cancer, and her future looks bright. Liza takes the same approach to her junior year of high school: work hard, think positively, and keep everything under control. When tests reveal that a riskier, more painful treatment is needed, it seems Liza's mother has given up, but she hasn't. Her mother's courage shows Liza that life is not about control, it is about living.

Reference Books for Parents on Cancer

How to Help Children Through a Parent's Serious Illness by Kathleen McCue and Ron Bonn This book offers supportive, practical advice from a leading child-life specialist. It includes how to talk to a child about the illness, how to recognize early warning signs in a child's drawings, sleep patterns, schoolwork, and eating habits and when to seek professional help.

Afraid to Ask: A Book for Families to Share About Cancer by Judylyne Fine This book describes various types of cancer and discusses the physical and emotional problems involved in having or knowing someone who has cancer.

Amanda's Gift by Scott MacLellan A guide for parents with seriously ill children. A review of the emotional and financial impact of a child's seven year fight with cancer and other illness, including a liver transplant. A detailed summary of the health care system will help enlighten many parents who are unfamiliar

with the complexities of insurance companies and large hospital networks. This book touches on all area of life as a caregiver, including the impact on faith and marriage.

Cancer and Self-Help: Bridging the Troubled Waters of Childhood Illness by Mark A. Chesler
Written for and about the special population of parents of children with cancer, this book explores the remarkable effectiveness of self-help groups and profiles their rapid rise as a complement to traditional health care.

Childhood Cancer: A Parent's Guide to Solid Tumor Cancer By Hoona Jones-Hodder & Nancy Keene
This book offers day-to-day practical advice on how to deal with procedures, hospitalization, family and friends, school, social and financial issues, communication, feelings, and death and bereavement. Candlelighter's Childhood Cancer Foundation fully endorses this book and places it on the "must have resource list" for any parent whose child is diagnosed with any type of solid tumor cancer.

Surviving Childhood Cancer: A Guide for Families by Margot J. Fromer
Reference for the families of children with cancer. Discusses topics such as communicating with family, friends, and the child's school, family stresses, and the financial impact that cancer can have on a family.

When a Parent Has Cancer: A Guide to Caring for Your Children, with Becky the Worry Cup by Wendy S. Harpham, M.D.
Written in a clear, direct and sympathetic tone, this parenting guide shows how both the well spouse and the ill spouse can help their children understand and come to terms with the fear and turmoil that results when a parent is diagnosed with cancer. Every aspect of the experience is covered, from diagnosis through treatment to remission, recovery and even the possibility of death. Includes a special book for children.

Why Mine? A Book for Parents Whose Child is Seriously Ill by Joy Johnson

Young People with Cancer: A Handbook for Parents by American Cancer Society
Guide for parents whose children are living with cancer

Cancer in the Family, Helping Children Cope with a Parent's Illness by American Cancer Society
Comprehensive guide for parents about helping children cope with cancer and finding necessary outside support.

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Books for Children who Have Cancer

A Day With Dr. Waddle by the Center for Basic Cancer Research Staff. (ages 4-8) Written and illustrated by staff members of the Cancer Center at Kansas State University to help children understand cancer. This book features Dr. Waddle, a friendly, huggable duck, who works as a scientist in a research laboratory. By spending a day with Dr. Waddle, children have an opportunity to learn about cancer, science, and good health. This book is helpful for children diagnosed with cancer and/or for children who have a family member who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Chemo Girl: Saving the World One Treatment at a Time by Christina Richmond. This is an inspiring children's story depicting Chemo Girl's adventures in saving a little girl from cancer. Written and illustrated by a 12-year old cancer patient.

Childhood Cancer Survivors: A Practical Guide to Your Future by Nancy Keene, Kathy Ruccione, and Wendy Hobbie. Helps childhood cancer survivors identify, cope with, or treat potential problems early if they do develop. It discusses the emotional aspects of surviving cancer and talks about relationships, employment issues, insurance issues, fertility, disclosure, etc.

Dear Bruno by Alice Trillin and Paul Newman. Children and adults struggling with the "why me?" of cancer will find in the book a realistic, funny, and somehow reassuring exploration of the delicate issues associated with cancer.

Kathy's Hats: A Story of Hope by Trudy Krisherr and Abby Levine. (ages 4-8). A little girl loses her hair as a result of treatments for cancer. She hates the hats she wears to cover her baldness, until her mother tells her she should also be wearing a thinking cap – the most important thing about a person is the way she thinks about things.

Kemo Shark by Elizabeth King, PhD. This book is about a shark that kills cancer cells. Helpful for both children who have been diagnosed with cancer and/or for children who have a family member who has been diagnosed with cancer, this book explains what happens when a person's body undergoes chemotherapy.

What is Cancer Anyway?: Explaining Cancer to Children of All Ages by Karen Carney. This book provides basic information that is essential to understanding a cancer diagnosis. Barklay and Eve define cancer, explain radiation and chemotherapy, while emphasizing that everyone's cancer is different.

Draw Me a Picture by Susan Nessim. (ages 3-7) A coloring book for kids with cancer.

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Books for Children and Teenagers About Death and Grieving

General Loss

After the Funeral by Jane Loretta Winch. (ages 4-8) This book deals with death and the aftermath that comes with it. It helps children and their families move forward towards acceptance, understanding, and hope.

Alfie and the Birthday Surprise by Shirley Hughes. (for children over 2) This is the story of a boy named Alfie who wants to cheer up his neighbor, Bob Mac Nally, whose cat, Smoky, has died. Bob's birthday is coming up, so Alfie decides to throw him a surprise party. At the party he receives an extra special present, a new kitten.

Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley. (ages 4-8) This is the story of how all the woodland creatures love old Badger, and when he dies, they are overwhelmed by their loss. Then, they begin to remember, and through their memories, the animals find the strength to face the future with hope.

I Wish I Could Hold Your Hand -- : A Child's Guide to Grief and Loss by Pat Palmer. (ages 9-12) This warm, comforting book gently helps grieving children identify their feelings and learn to accept and deal with them. Wonderful, heart-warming illustrations and simple, direct writing help children discover that it is normal and natural to feel the pain of loss.

It Must Hurt a Lot: A Child's Book about Death by Doris Sanford. This book describes a boy's reaction of anger, grief, and eventual acceptance when his dog dies. It includes suggestions to parents for helping a child deal with loss.

Jinka Jinka Jelly Bean by Molly Dingles (for young children, toddlers through preschool age) This book gently hints at what happens when a loved one dies and goes to heaven. Through its rhyme and illustrations, it makes heaven a wonderful place.

Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children by Bryan Mellonie (ages 4-8) This book is a useful tool in explaining to children that death is a part of life and that, eventually, all living things reach the end of their own special lifetimes.

Sad Isn't Bad: A Good-Grief Guidebook for Kids Dealing With Loss by Michaelene Mundy (ages 4-8) Loaded with positive, life-affirming advice for coping with loss as a child. This guide tells children what they need to know after a loss – that the world is still safe; life is good; and hurting hearts do mend. An introductory message to adults who are working with children offers additional insight and ideas for working through grief.

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf by Leo F. Buscaglia (ages 4-8) Freddie and the other leaves on his tree pass through the seasons and, with the coming of winter, fall to the ground. This warm and sympathetic parable explains the delicate balance between life and death.

When Someone Very Special Dies by Marge Heegaard (ages 5-12) An activity book for children who have lost a loved one to a serious illness. Explores feelings associated with grief.

Help Me Say Goodbye by Janis Silverman Activities for helping children cope with the death of a loved one. Great for them to do with other loved ones.

When Dinosaurs Die by Laurie K Brown & Marc Brown A guide to understanding death for children.

The Next Place by Warren Hanson (ages 6-12) A beautifully illustrated storybook about what happens after death.

Fire in My Heart Ice in My Veins by Enid S. Traisman This is a best selling journal for teenagers who have experienced the death of someone cared for. Here they can honor, record, and realize their many thoughts, feelings and questions related to the loss and to their memories. Each page gives young people a brief thought starter as a focus for their writing. Or they can forge ahead writing letters or poems or creating drawings that speak to their own special experiences and memories. A meaningful keepsake and a beautiful way to honor a life. This journal is widely used in bereavement group activities and with individual youth in support counseling following a loss.

Helping Teens Cope With Death by the Dougy Center This book is informed by the real-life stories of children, teens and their parents. Topics covered include, Six Basic Principles, How Children Grieve, Understanding Grieving Young People, How to Help, and more.

Loss of a Parent

After Charlotte's Mom Died by Cornelia Spelman. (ages 5 and older) This concept book features a six-year old dealing with the recent death of her mother. Charlotte feels angry with Mom, estranged from her grieving and preoccupied Dad, and afraid that she, or her father, may also die. Because the confusion of these emotions sometimes causes her to lash out at others, Dad arranges for her to acknowledge these feelings and develop a more positive outlook towards the future.

Angel Stacey/ Daddy in Heaven by Bernadette Moyer. (good for all ages) This is a story of parents turned guardian angels. Pictures tell the story, and it is a great catalyst for communication and comfort on the loss of a loved one. True stories with 96 pages of color pictures.

Daddy's Place by Cindy Klein and John Heiney. (ages 4-8) This book is about a little boy's journey of discovery after the death of his father. Jesse is angry and filled with questions. His questions are answered by both his mother, and in a series of dreams where Jesse visits his father and learns about life, death, and life after death.

Upside Down Cake by Carol Carrick (ages 9-12) Explores the pain of a parent's death through the eyes, feelings, and voice of a nine-year-old boy whose world turns upside down when his father becomes terminally ill with cancer.

Everett Anderson's Goodbye by Lucille Clifton (ages 4-9) Everett struggles through denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance after his dad dies.

Geranium Morning by E. Sandy Powell (ages 4-12) A boy's dad dies suddenly in an accident, and he feels very guilty for not having gone with him. Then he meets a girl who mom is dying of cancer. Together they talk about their feelings and help each other to feel better.

How It Feels When a Parent Dies by Jill Krementz (ages 12-18) Eighteen kids talk about their parents dying of different causes, funerals, peers, guilt, etc.

Learning to Say Goodbye by Eda J. LeShan (ages 12-18) Talks about when a parent dies, the fantasies, emotions, etc. Very honest and helpful.

When My Dad/ Mommy Died by Janice M. Hammond (ages 3-10) A young child's parent dies, there's a funeral, and he has worries, goes through changes, asks questions, and is angry. There are pages to color and talk about.

Saying Goodbye to Daddy by Judith Vigna (ages 5-12) A young girl's father has died in a car accident. Her mother and grandfather cry with her and help her to remember him and his love.

Love, Mark by Mark Scrivani (ages 10 & up) A series of hand-written letters and drawings about grief and feelings, questions, holidays, etc. Mark's little brother died in a car accident and a few years later, his father died from cancer. He wrote these letters to young people in a support group he runs.

Healing Children's Grief: Surviving a Parent's Death from Cancer by Grace H. Christ This book blends clinical cases with specific recommendations of inter-action and intervention. Christ outlines in detail the impact of grief on development. We learn how and why children of varied developmental abilities experience the loss of a parent differently. Here are the moving stories of eighty-eight families and their 157 children (ages 3 to 17) who participated in a parent-guidance intervention program through the illness and death of one of the parents from cancer.

Loss of a Sibling

Children Are Not Paper Dolls by Erin Linn (ages 10-13) Six bereaved siblings write and draw pictures about funerals, family, friends, school, feelings, holidays, etc.

Children Facing Grief by Jan Romond (ages 6-15) A collection of letters written by children who tell about their feelings and experiences after the death of a brother or sister. They tell what hurt and what helped very openly and honestly.

For Those Who Live by Kathy Latour (ages 9 & up) The author's brother died in a helicopter crash and she tells about her journey back into the world of the living. She writes about what other brothers and sisters taught her and also about kids' and parents' problems.

Where's Jess? by Jo and Mary Johnson (ages 3-8) How the brother and his family grieve after their baby Jess dies.

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About Dying, an Open Family Book for Parents and Children Together by Sar Stein

Children Grieve, Too: A Book for Families Who Have Experienced a Death by Joy Johnson and Marvin Johnson Basic, reader friendly; this book talks about how children respond to grief from infancy through teen and what you need to know to help a grieving child.

Heaven's Not a Crying Place: Teaching Your Children About Funerals, Death, and Life Beyond by Joey O'Connor Drawing upon his unique position as a minister, parent, and mortician's son, O'Connor writes about issues surrounding death and dying. It shows children how to deal with, learn from, and have hope in the face of death.

Helping Children Cope With the Loss of a Loved One: A Guide for Grownups by William C. Kroen Dr. Kroen offers sound advice, comfort, and compassion to any adult helping a child cope with death. The book includes anecdotes about real children and their families and explains how children from infancy through age 18 perceive and react to death. It also offers suggestions on how to respond to children at different ages and stages.

Helping Children Grieve: When Someone They Love Dies by Theresa Huntley This book addresses what you can do to help a child who has lost a parent, grandparent, or friend to death or separation. This book can be used as a guide on how to listen to children, answer their questions, and guide them in their passage through grief.

On Children and Death: How Children and Their Parents Can and Do Cope With Death by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Based on a decade of working with dying children, this compassionate book offers the families of dead and dying children the help – and hope—they need to survive. Dr. Kubler-Ross speaks to the fears, doubts, anger, confusion, and anguish of parents confronting terminal illness.

Talking About Death: A Dialogue Between Parent and Child by Earl A. Grollman

The Grieving Child: A Parent's Guide by Helen Fitzgerald This book provides much-needed guidance, covering such areas as visiting the seriously ill or dying and attending funerals.

35 Ways to Help a Grieving Child by the Dougy Center Staff The information in this book is simple and practical, and is drawn from the stories of children and teenagers who have been at the front lines of grief. This guidebook addresses how to include children in decision-making, what to expect from different ages of grieving children, and how to provide safe outlets for children to express emotion.

Preparing the Children: Information and Ideas for Families Facing Terminal Illness and Death by Kathy Nussbaum This book gives insight into the needs of children during a family members terminal illness plus many detailed ideas on how those needs can be met. Photos add depth and beauty.

Saying Goodbye: Activity Book by J. Boulden This award winning booklet has color-in cartoons, drawings and activities to help children understand the finality of absence while being offered the assurance of the continuity of love.

When Someone Very Special Dies: Children can Learn to Cope With Grief by Marge Heegaard This best selling workbook gives children brief information coupled with useful images and is used extensively by parents, school counselors and bereavement group leaders. There are many opportunities provided for expressive drawings and writings. Children learn about grief and identify available and reliable sources of support as they recognize and learn to label their own experiences of sadness and loss.

Growing Through Grief: A K-12 Curriculum to Help Young People Through All Kinds of Loss by Donna O'Toole This award winning curriculum provides a life cycle, life skills and building block approach to counseling and guiding school aged young people. Developed in age appropriate groupings, sessions can be taught as a self-contained class or can be incorporated into other classes or into group or individual settings. It is the only curriculum we have ever found that so clearly presents and validates a wide variety of losses experienced by school-age children.

Facing Change: Falling Apart and Coming Together Again in the Teen Years by D. O'Toole

The Memorial Rituals Book for Healing and Hope by Ann M. Putter There are few opportunities in today's "hurry up and be over with it" world that afford the bereaved a safe place to talk about and mention a loved one, especially one who died some time-ago. These rituals give family members a time and place to acknowledge the memories, to tell others of the significance of this person in their lives.

Healing the Bereaved Child: Grief Gardening, Growth Through Grief and Other Touchstones for Caregivers by A. D. Wolfelt

How I Feel: A Coloring Book for Grieving Children by A. D. Wolfelt

Healing the Grieving Child's Heart: 100 Practical Ideas for Families, Friends, & Caregivers by A. D. Wolfelt

Homemade Books to Help Kids Cope: an Easy-to-Learn Technique for Parents and Professionals by Robert G. Ziegler This book shows parents, teachers and counselors how to create personalized books for and with children. These books can be written and designed to fit any situation. Whether the grief issue is relatively straightforward, such as moving to a new home, or highly complex, such as a death in the family, the techniques described are flexible enough to handle them. And you don't need much to get started. Simple everyday items found in the house or classroom, a little time, and some creativity will go a long way in dealing with the inevitable challenges of loss and change in family and community life.

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Articles and Pamphlets

“Helping Children Understand: A Guide for a Parent with Cancer.” by American Cancer Society (1-800-ACS-2345)

“It Helps to Have Friends When Mom or Dad Has Cancer.” by American Cancer Society (1-800-ACS-2345) Designed for the child whose mom or dad has cancer, this pamphlet helps children see the importance of discussing their thoughts and feelings with people they trust.

“Talking with Your Child About Cancer” by Steve Rodgers Article taken from the March/April 1993 issue of *Coping* magazine

“When Mom or Dad is Seriously Ill” by Susan Chira Article taken from the September issue of *The New York Times*

“When Someone in Your Family Has Cancer” by National Cancer Institute (1-800-4-CANCER)

“Young People With Cancer: A Handbook for Parents” by National Cancer Institute (1-800-4-CANCER)

“Kids Worry Too” by American Cancer Society (1-800-ACS-2345) Pamphlet book for parents about how illness impacts children and feelings they will likely experience

“Closing the Umbrella, When Your Child’s Treatment Ends: A Guide for Families” by American Cancer Society (1-800-ACS-2345)

“Telling Your Child You Have Cancer” by Steve Rogers Article taken from the March/April 1993 issue of *Coping* magazine

“When Your Brother or Sister Has Cancer” by American Cancer Society (1-800-ACS-2345)

Videos

After the Tears, A Gentle Guide to Help Children Understand Death (Grief) starring Diane Crandall Children begin by learning about the loss of a beloved pet, and then progress to the more difficult concept of losing a family member or friend. There are activities and suggestions at the end of the video.

Saying Goodbye Video. (Grades K-4) In this video, Buddy presents difficult concepts in a nurturing way. A professional counselor answers questions children often ask about death (except religious issues). A special parent section at the end presents specific suggestions on providing emotional support for grieving children.

Kids Tell Kids What It’s Like When Their Mother or Father Has Cancer by Cancervine. Children talk about their hopes, fears, and the adult burden placed upon them when cancer strikes a parent. This award-winning 15-minute documentary is for children who have a parent with cancer and encourages communication between family members.

My Hair’s Falling Out...Am I Still Pretty? This is a fictional, one person performance which tells the story of a young girl who is diagnosed with leukemia, undergoes hospitalization and chemotherapy, and returns to school, her cancer in remission. Although the subject matter is difficult – a friend she makes in the hospital

dies – the program is upbeat, including animation, music and dance segments. Simple, clear information about what cancer is and how it is treated is explained, as well as insight into the feelings of patients and those who love them, which make this program especially appropriate for school children.

My Mom Has Breast Cancer: A Guide for Families by KIDSCOPE This video is about children's reactions to diagnosis of breast cancer in their mothers. It includes interviews with children and mothers who have successfully weathered this experience.

We Can Cope Series hosted by Wendy Harpham, MD Video collection that follows seven families through their cancer experience and highlights coping mechanisms. The program includes a tape for parents, a tape for teens, and a tape for children.

Talking About Your Cancer: A Parent's Guide to Helping Children Cope by Fox Chase Cancer Center

Living With Cancer: A Message of Hope narrated by Anne Bancroft (57 minutes) This beautifully photographed, often humorous, video shows the many ways people diagnosed with cancer can direct and effect their lives. See how cancer cells live and grow and are caused to die. Patients, oncologists and researchers share their knowledge, hope and experiences.

Standing Tall (20 minutes) A poignant video about teenagers dealing with loss and grief. Seven young people share how they heard the news when a loved one died, their feelings, what helped and how they moved on. Deaths include a grandfather, father, mother and siblings.

The Dead Bird by AIMS Multimedia (13 minutes) A group of children wandering through a grassy field find a dead bird and honor it with a funeral. For a time they return with flowers. An excellent resource for discussing death and memorial rituals to young children. Demonstrates how children's curiosity and caring leads them to commemorate and honor life.