

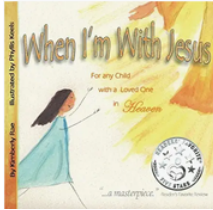
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# CHILDREN'S BOOKS ON grief and loss

THAT ALIGN WITH SCRIPTURE AND GOD'S CHARACTER

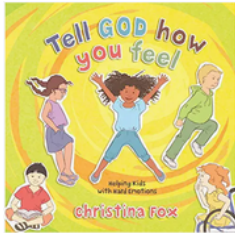
Books are available at major  
retailers unless otherwise noted

## When I'm with Jesus By Kimberly Rae



- Useful for when someone very close to a child dies, such as a parent or grandparent, who has trusted in Christ
- Could be helpful for any aged child
- Gentle and compassionate tone
- Incorporates many points of the Christian view of death
- Addresses a child's feelings of grief
- Takes some liberties when describing heaven
- Written in a way that it can be used for both older and younger children
- Includes a brief Gospel message at the end

## Tell God How You Feel By Christina Fox



- Not specifically a book on grieving death
- Helpful explanation of emotions for parents
- Deals with the feelings of: fear (thunderstorm), sadness (friend moves away), hurt (rejection by a friend), loneliness (life after best friend moves away), and thankfulness (got a good grade)
- Includes discussion questions
- Incorporates a lot of Scripture and specifically models how to use Psalms to express our emotions to God
- Designed for families (models through story how parents use Scripture to walk their kids through their emotions)

## God Gave Us Heaven By Lisa T. Bergren



- Best for younger children; animals are the main characters
- Focus is on heaven and what it's like
- Shares a very brief Gospel
- Clears up some misconceptions about heaven like people turn into angels
- Does not specifically address sadness or the grieving process

## Emily Lost Someone She Loved By Kathleen Fucci Ministries



Available from [kathleenfucciministries.org](http://kathleenfucciministries.org)

- Story is based on a young girl losing her mom
- Addresses the very wide range of emotions and behaviors a child might experience when grieving, including asking "Where is God? Why has this happened?"
- Emphasizes that God knows how we feel because He gave up His Son to die
- Gives a sort of "catechism" to answer the question of "Where is God" with accompanying Scripture
- May be more geared towards younger children

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## Quinn Says Goodbye

By Christie Thomas



- Best for younger children; animals are the main characters
- Incorporates themes of friendship, compassion, and loss
- Deals with loss of a friend but not specifically death
- Includes basic biblical theology of loss, "God doesn't always stop bad things from happening. But he does promise that he will always be with you, and he will never stop being your friend."
- Encourages talking to God about our sadness
- Includes some conversation starters and Scripture to use with kids

## A Little Blue Bottle

By Jennifer Grant



- Deals specifically with death of a friend/neighbor
- Appropriate for elementary-aged children; a middle school child who is grieving might also pick it up and be comforted by it as well
- Addresses the sadness surrounding death in a very compassionate way
- Centered around God understanding our sorrow based on Psalm 56:8
- Includes "Best Practices for When a Child is Grieving"
- Nice illustrations that capture the mood of a family who is missing someone

## Goodbye to Goodbyes

By Lauren Chandler



- Accompanying activity book also available
- Centered around the Biblical narrative of the death and resurrection of Lazarus
- Very true to the Biblical account
- Emphasizes how Jesus understands our sadness
- Gives the hope of heaven for those who know Jesus and how everything will be made right one day
- Could be used in numerous situations and just a good book to have on a well-known Bible story

## The Moon is Always Round

By Jonathan Gibson



- Tells the story of a young boy losing his stillborn baby sister
- Simple, but not simplistic
- Captures the experience from the perspective of a child
- Brings central message home with an image that is very memorable (the moon)
- Very gentle tone
- Focuses on the truth that even when bad things happen, God is still good
- There are two memory verses and more information about the story in the back as well as a discussion guide
- Engaging illustrations

## Heaven for Kids

By Randy Alcorn



- Useful for helping to answer older children's questions about heaven