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If you know someone who is dying or who has already died, you may feel sad, scared, worried, angry, confused or guilty.

There are lots of reasons why people die. Some people get very sick and we know they are going to die. For other people, their death can happen very quickly and it comes as a shock.

Whatever the reason for their death, we will feel very sad. It is ok to feel like this.

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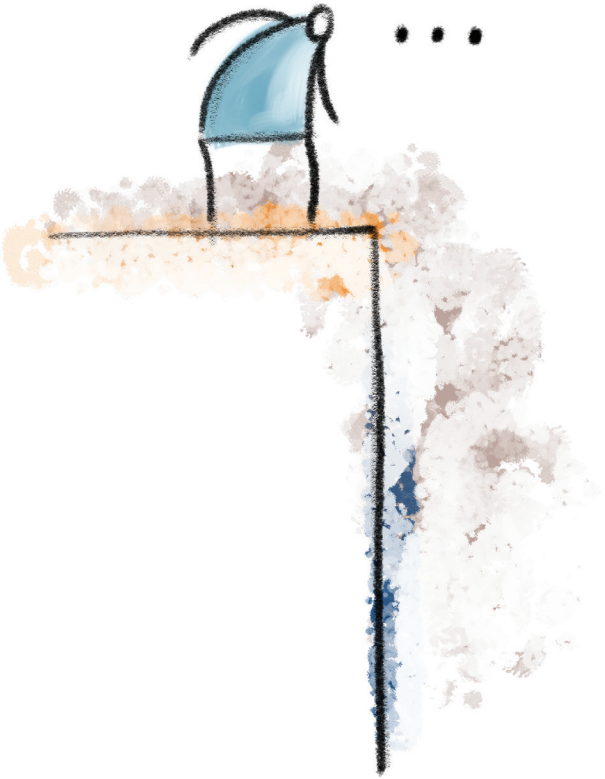

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When somebody dies we can also have lots of questions. You might have asked some of these yourself:

Why did they die now?

Where have they gone?

Will I ever see them again?

Why didn't God make them better?

I prayed they wouldn't die – why didn't God answer me?

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It can be hard not knowing the answers to these questions.

God never promises to answer them all.

Some answers are just too big for us.

However, God might answer our prayers in a way we don't expect.

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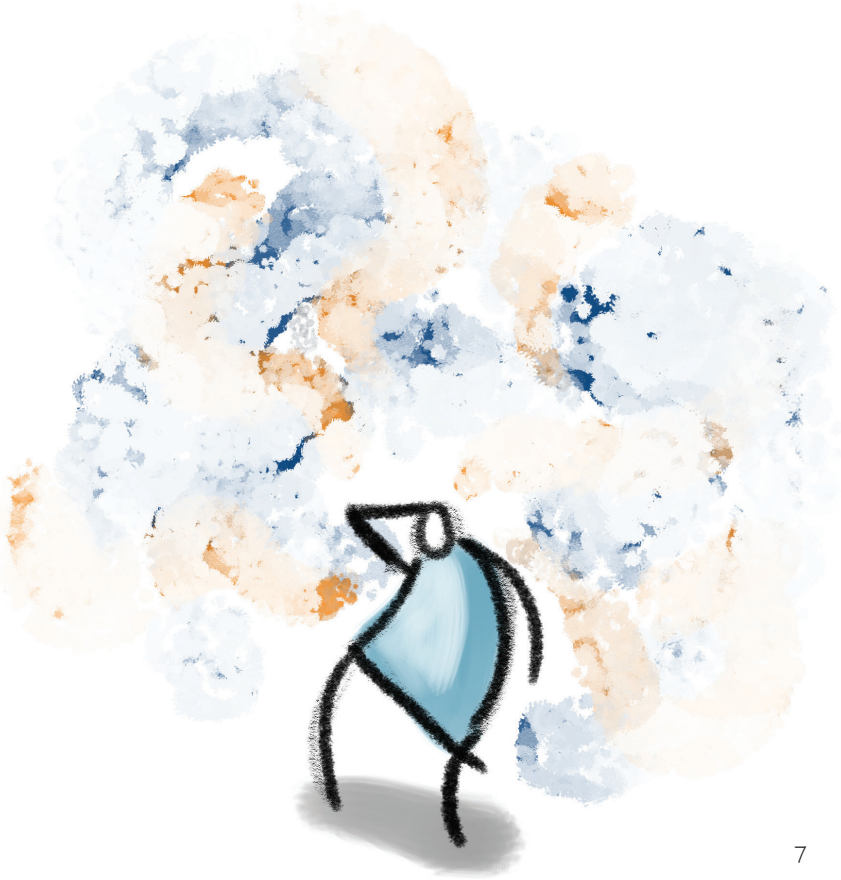

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There is lovely story of a girl called Ruth and her best friend, Terry. Terry had a dreadful accident one day, while playing in the woods near his home.

He was sick for a very long time. Ruth prayed that God might make him better, but sadly Terry died. Ruth felt very sad and had lots of questions.

Why didn't God save Terry?

Why didn't God make him better?

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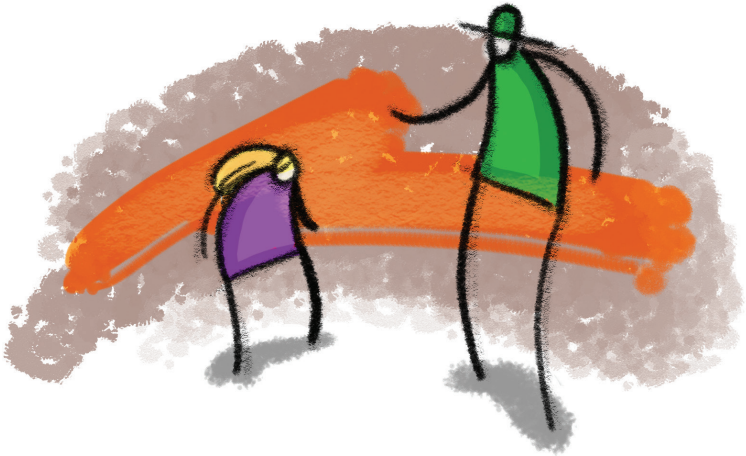

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One day while walking in the woods Ruth stopped to talk to her friend Mr Tandy, the farmer from next door.

"Mr Tandy, why didn't God listen? Why didn't God make Terry better?"

"Ruth," answered Mr Tandy, "suppose you came to me and said, 'there's a little lamb down there that can't run around because the field is too steep and full of stones. Can you remove the stones to make it easier?'

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If I came down and picked up the little lamb and carried him in my arms to another field, where it was flat and full of lovely, green grass, you wouldn't complain that I hadn't listened to you would you?

Ruth, you mustn't worry about Terry. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has taken him home, that's all."

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