

UNHELPFUL EXPLANATIONS TO CHILDREN

“Josh lost his Dad.”

Child’s interpretation: Why don’t they go find him? If I’m lost, will they look for me?

“God wanted Mom in heaven with him.”

Child’s interpretation: God takes people from us. How could God love us?

“Only the good die young.”

Child’s interpretation: I’d better not be good or I’ll die, too.

“We had to put Rover to sleep.”

Child’s interpretation: Sleeping means dead, so I’d better not go to sleep.

“Grandma died because she was old and sick.”

Child’s interpretation: Mom and Dad are old, and Dad has a cold. Does that mean he’s going to die, too?