## When someone dies

Vicki and Kaylee visited the lambs every day. One morning, they knew something was wrong. A lamb was lying away from his mother with his head down. Vicki ran for Auntie Chris. Auntie Chris rang the Vet. Kaylee carried the lamb
 to some soft hay in the shed. He looked very sick. "I think he has meningitis," the Vet told them. "We are not sure why, but lambs get it sometimes. We'll try some antibiotics, but they may not help." The girls took turns to pat and soothe the lamb, trying to tempt him with bottled milk and fresh grass. The next day the lamb was worse and in the afternoon he died. Vicki and Kaylee cried. Sean went and sat in his favourite climbing tree for a while.


Mimi and Melvin were feeling sad. Great, great uncle Marmaduke from the old house had died. Mimi went to visit with a basket full of strawberries. The cousins talked about all the funny things Uncle Marmy used to do. One day he was being chased by a cat. He shouted, "Bark, bark". The cat turned and ran away. Uncle Marmy told the children, "see I always told you it was important to learn a foreign language."

## Talk to God!

Heavenly Father, please help me remember that when someone dies or other sad things happen, you understand and you will comfort me.

## Listen to God! <br> Genesis 23:1-4, 16-20



Abraham and Sarah had been married for a long time. When Sarah died, Abraham was very sad and grieved for her. He bought a special piece of land where he could bury Sarah. It was expensive, but Abraham wanted to show his love and respect for her. When someone we love dies, we will be sad too. Having a funeral or special remembering time is important. We may cry. We may need time on our own. We may want to talk about them, even laugh about things we remember. We may have a special photo or treasure that we keep to remind us of them.

Colour the bookmark and use it in your Bible or a special book to remind you that God loves and comforts you.


