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## MOM AND DAD IN HEAVEN

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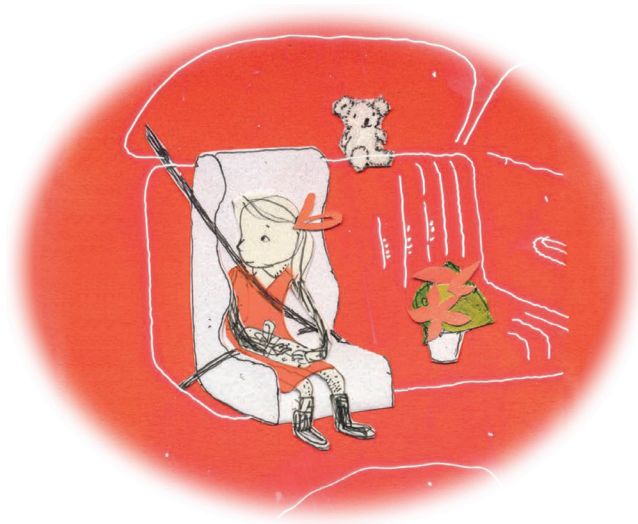
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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

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1. What helps connect us to those we love who have died?
2. How do you imagine heaven?
3. What questions would you ask God?



- It's completely normal to have doubts and questions about God and faith, no matter our age or whether we go to church.

## AFTERWORD

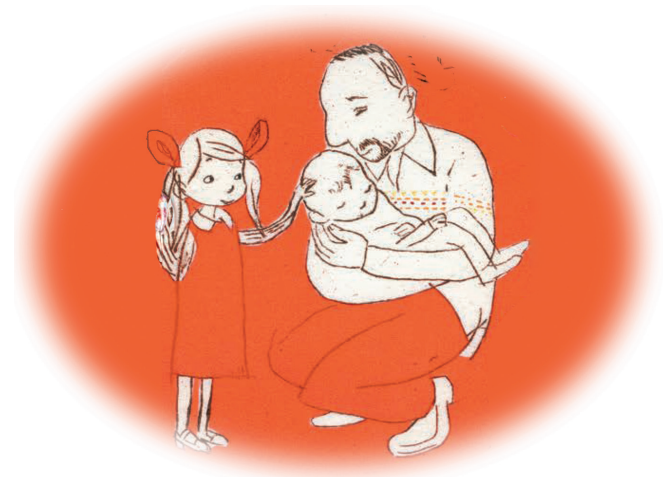
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Mary asks God lots of hard questions in *Mom and Dad in Heaven*. Some of the questions she asks in the beginning of the book, when she is newly grieving the deaths of her parents, are different from her later questions, when she is learning to live with that grief.

Here's what I would want to tell Mary:



- Nothing you did caused this to happen.
- When someone we love dies, we may have a mix of emotions. Whatever you are feeling, let yourself feel it. There is no “right” way to grieve.



- I believe that God does not cause terrible things to happen, and that when they happen, God is with us and with those we love.
- I believe God's power is Love, and it is stronger than anything, even death.