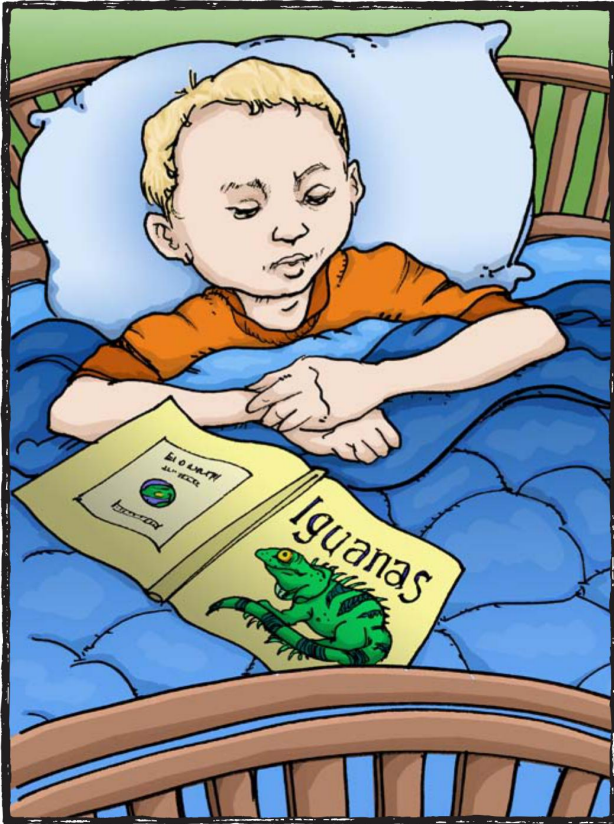


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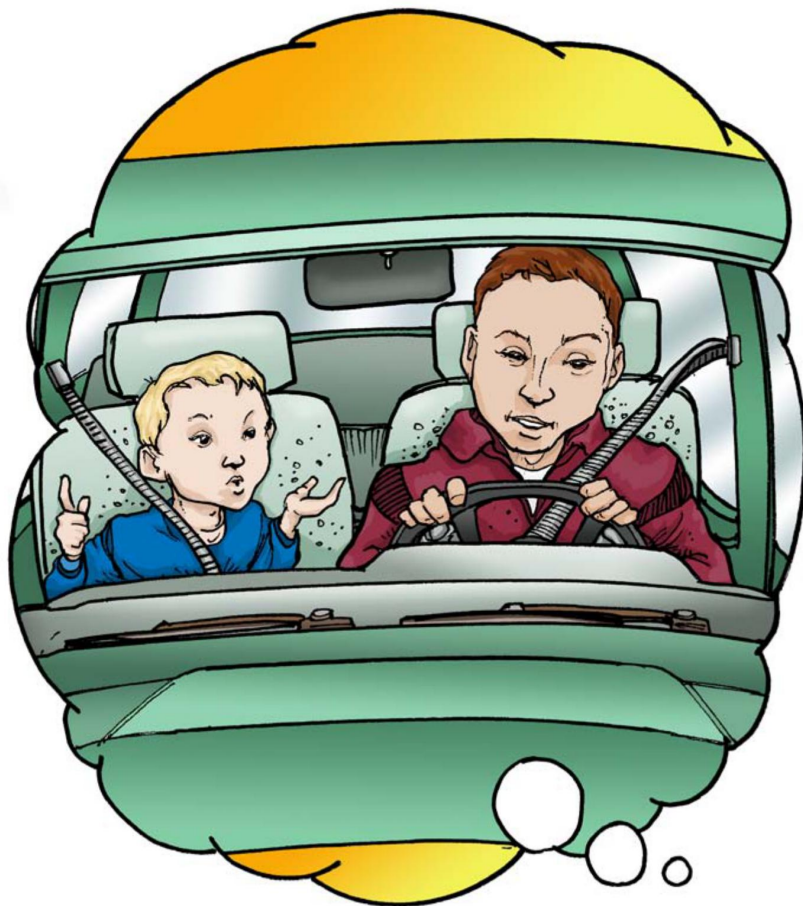
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Today was not a good day.
My pet lizard died.
I don't understand why.
I did everything right.

Izzy had a safe home.
Izzy had clean water.
Izzy had plenty of food.
But he died.





My dad said sometimes bad things happen, even when you do everything right. I understood what my dad told me. But I still felt bad.

My mom said there were things I could do to help me feel better. She said some people make cards and then color them with bright colors.

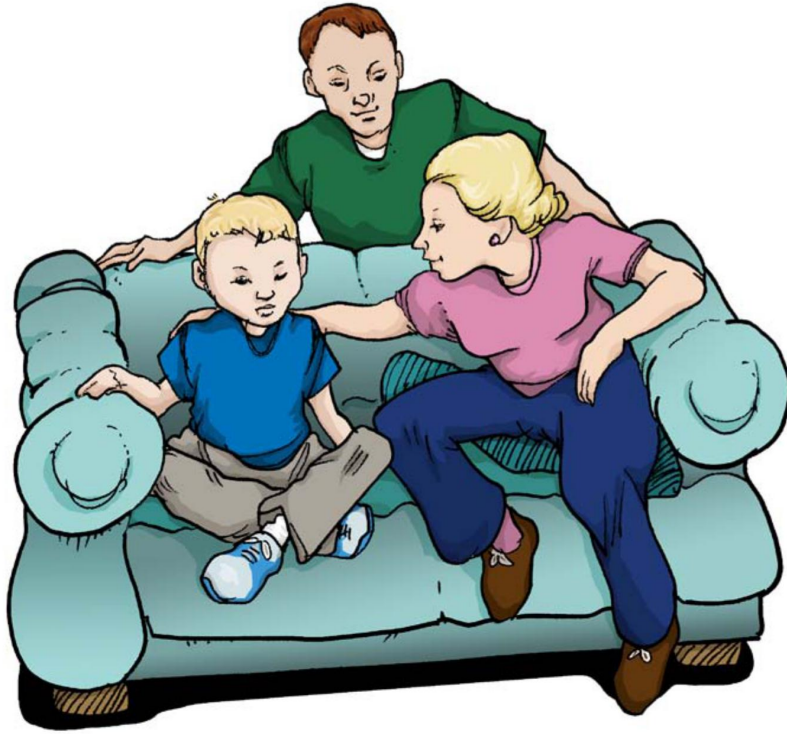




My dad said some people write a letter when they lose a friend. The letter tells about the good times they had together. He said I could write about how Izzy sat on my shoulder when I did my homework. He said I might share how Izzy loved to eat green beans.

My grandmother said that some people go to a church or another place of worship. My mom said that some people light candles and pray. She said other people put flowers next to a photo of their friend.





My dad said that whatever I did to remember Izzy would help me feel less sad.

Mom added that in time I would feel much better.

But she also said I might feel sad again some days along the way.

I chose to make Izzy a card.
I drew Izzy with a smile.
I drew a big heart because
I loved him.
I wrote that I missed him.
I wrote that I would remember him.





Tomorrow we will bury Izzy.
 I chose a special place in the
 backyard.
 It is next to a clump of flowers.
 I will put his favorite rock there.
 I will put my card there, too.

My dad was right.
 I do feel a little bit better.
 I will always miss Izzy,
 but I won't ever forget the good
 times we had together.

