

## Being There for Grieving Children

Discuss with a group or write your responses to the following.

*Before the Vodcast:*

As early educators and caregivers it is often the permanent losses children face, such as death or traumatic loss, that challenges our practice – What are we to do? What are we to say? What do children really understand about death? Death stops us in our tracks and reminds us of how little our background in education (and life) prepares us for understanding and responding to the children we care for.

- What are your biggest challenges and concerns in talking to children about death and in being there for grieving children?

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- Share a few ideas you think may be helpful in supporting children's grief and understanding of death.

*After the Vodcast:*

- One of the ideas shared in the vodcast was how it is important to be honest with children about death. Do you agree? Why or why not?

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- Using your own ideas and those explored in the vodcast, share some recommendations of specific ways to support conversations with children regarding death.

