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Lifetimes
The beautiful way to explain death to children

Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen
All living things grow and die.

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In between growing and dying is living.

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Living things do not live forever.

Some things live many years.

Some things live a minute

Some things get old.

Some things get sick.

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Living things can get hurt or sick.

Some things will get better. Some things will not and will die.

This can happen when things are young, old or at any time in their life.
It is sad when a person dies.

It is sad when a plant dies.

It is sad when fish or birds die.

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Many things live in our world.

Each thing has a special lifetime.

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Rabbits and mice grow up in a few weeks.

Rabbits & mice live for a year or two years.

They eat cheese and carrots.

They get tired and old and then die.

This is their lifetime.

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Flowers and vegetables are planted as seeds.

Flowers and vegetables grow in the Spring when it is warm.

In the fall, flowers and vegetables get old.

In the winter, flowers and vegetables die.

That is their lifetime.

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Butterflies only live for a few weeks. They fly around from leaf to flower. At first, they are bright and fast. When butterflies get older, butterflies slow down and rest. Then the butterfly dies. This is their lifetime.

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Fish swim in lakes and rivers.

Some fish are big, some fish are small.

Small fish live a small time.

Big fish live a lot of time.

Some fish live 80 or 90 years.

That is their lifetime.

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People have lifetimes too.

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People grow up and can live for 60 or 70 years.

Some people live for 100 years.

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Some lifetimes are long.
Some lifetimes are short.
In between growing and dying is living.

For birds, trees, plants, people, fish, animals, even small bugs.

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