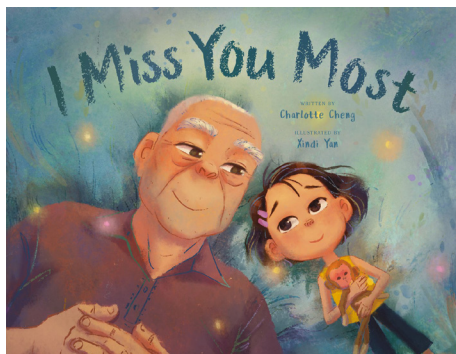


Storytime Activity Guide

I Miss You Most

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When a young girl loses her grandpa, she finds comfort in the memories they made together. This story captures their special bond and reminds children that loved ones stay with us even after they're gone. A helpful starting point for talking with young children about loss and grief.

Did you know?

Learning to recognize and express feelings is one of the most important skills young children develop in their early years. As you read together, look at the characters' faces and talk about what they might be feeling and why. Books like *I Miss You Most* give children a safe and gentle space to explore big feelings like love, sadness, and grief, and to learn that all of those feelings are a normal and important part of life.



Words to Practice

grief
memory
remember
honor
(to) miss

Talk about it!

While reading *I Miss You Most*, help your child identify what the little girl may be thinking or feeling and why. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk about love, loss, and the feelings that come with missing someone special, and to remind your child that the people we love can always be found in everyday memories.

- "Have you ever missed someone? Who do you miss and why?"
- "What is your favorite memory of them?"
- "What makes you feel better when you are missing someone?"
- "What are the girl and her grandpa doing together? What do you love to do with someone special in your life?"

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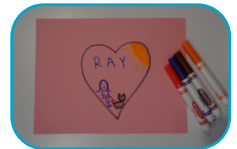
Create!

Creating a memory collage gives children a beautiful hands-on way to explore the same feelings of love and remembrance found in *I Miss You Most*. Just like the little girl cherishes her memories of her grandfather, your child can gather images, words, and colors that celebrate their special person.

Materials needed:

- Construction paper
- Magazines
- Crayons or markers
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Collage materials (stickers, sequins, tissue paper, buttons, pom-poms, etc.)

1. Tell your child they will be making a special collage to remember and celebrate someone they love.
2. Draw a frame in any shape somewhere on the paper.
3. Inside the frame, glue a favorite photo of you with your loved one. Don't have a photo? Draw them or write their name in big bright letters.
4. Look through magazines and cut out pictures, words, or colors that remind your child of their loved one. Try asking:
 - "What do you remember most about ____?"
 - "How did they make you feel when you were together?"
 - "What was their favorite color? Let's find something that color!"
 - "What did they love to eat or do?"
5. Help your child cut out the pieces if needed, then let them arrange and glue everything on the paper, careful not to cover the photo or name.
6. Add extra details with markers, crayons, stickers, or other collage materials to fill in any empty spaces and make it bright and colorful.



Play: Memory Walk

One of the most beautiful ways to keep a loved one close is to do something you used to do together. Take a walk with your child to a place you visited with your loved one, a spot they enjoyed, or somewhere that holds happy memories. As you walk, talk about the things you see and notice together. You may find that simply being in that place brings their memory to life in a meaningful way. Try asking:

- "Does anything you see remind you of ____?"
- "What is your favorite memory of coming here with ____?"
- "What do you think ____ loved about this place?"

