



A Kids on the Block Script about BEREAVEMENT

Featuring: Jamie Higgins and Melody James

The Kids on the Block Script about Bereavement is intended to be a catalyst for discussion about this most sensitive issue and to assure children who are grieving that their feelings and thoughts are “normal.”

In this special mini-curriculum, Jamie Higgins is grieving the death of her mother. Jamie’s friend, Melody James, has a lot of insight because her brother was killed in a car crash two years ago. Melody and Jamie represent two children who are at different points in the grieving process. Through these two characters, different aspects of bereavement are addressed. The script emphasizes the importance of communicating the various feelings associated with loss and demonstrates coping skills children may employ when experiencing a personal tragedy. The exchange between the characters also models supportive friendships and promotes sensitivity toward peers experiencing a loss. The script is designed to be used with children going through the grieving process and for audiences with some prior knowledge of grief and loss. It is not intended for general audiences.

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Script Summary

Missing Mom

Jamie is waiting for Melody to arrive so that they can go to a soccer game. Jamie, however loses interest when she overhears her grandmother and aunt talking about Lauren, Jamie's mother, who recently died. When Jamie informs Melody that she is not going to the game, Mel takes the opportunity to share the insight she gained when her brother died and talk to Jamie about her mom. **(Jamie, Melody)**

NOTE: After the script, the children in the audience are given the opportunity to ask their own questions directly to the puppet characters.

The Kids on the Block, created in 1977, features life-sized puppets who, through the magic of live puppet theatre, teach children and adults about disabilities, medical and educational differences, and social concerns. Through the hard work and dedication of many community-based groups, **The Kids on the Block** puppets are able to touch the lives of people all over the world.