

## Our Pet Died

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If you're feeling sad because your pet has died, these activities can help.

### For

Just for Kids

### Season

Spring

### Activity Plan

1. It's normal to feel very sad when a pet dies. A young woman wrote a letter when her pet died. She created this touching tribute to the pets in our lives. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVt1pD0sT0k&feature=player\\_detailpage](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVt1pD0sT0k&feature=player_detailpage)
2. God loves us so much that God feels sad when we are sad, and longs to comfort us. Read this Bible verse and talk with a grown-up or a good friend.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"  
(Matthew 11:28).

- How do you feel about the loss of your pet?
- What will you miss most?
- God promises to be with us, and to help ease our heavy hearts. Tell about a time when God's love helped you in a sad time.



3. Hold a memorial service for your pet.

- Set up a place for the service. You could go to the burial site, one of your pet's favorite outdoor spaces, or set up a place in your home with a picture and your pet's special objects.
- Gather your family and play a special song or read a poem, or write your own. Find some touching poems here:  
<http://thegrievingheart.info/petlosspoetry.html>
- Have each person share some special memories of your pet, or create a video of your pet's most memorable moments.
- Close with Prayer

*Thank you God for our pet, \_\_\_\_\_. Please comfort us in this sad time, and help us to comfort one another.*

4. Here are some great ways to honor the memory of your pet:

- Make a memory book of photos and stories.
- Choose a special frame for a favorite picture of your pet.
- Make a donation to humane society, or sign up to volunteer,  
<http://www.humanesociety.org/>
- Give an animal to a family in need, <http://www.heifer.org/>

