

Grandpa Went Away

Davie learns what happens
when his grandpa passes on.
Our loved ones are never
really far away.

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One day, Mommy told Davie
that Grandpa went away.



Davie asked Grandma,
“Where did Grandpa go?”



Grandma sat Davie on
her lap and said,
“You and I, Grandpa,
and everyone we know
are Soul.”

“What is Soul?”
he asked.



A colorful illustration featuring two people's heads emerging from white, fluffy clouds. The person on the left has short brown hair and a gentle smile. The person on the right has short grey hair and a similar smile. They are surrounded by numerous small, pink hearts. A large, bright yellow starburst shape is positioned behind the person on the right. The background is a clear blue sky. The entire scene is framed by a thick blue border.

"Soul is a spark of God's love.

"Because we were created out of God's love,
we live forever," she said.

"Forever?" Davie asked.



"Yes, forever," she answered,
"Soul can never die."



She explained,

“We all come here to

this schoolhouse called

Earth. We come here to
learn many lessons
about love.”

“When we come here,
we put on a body to wear.

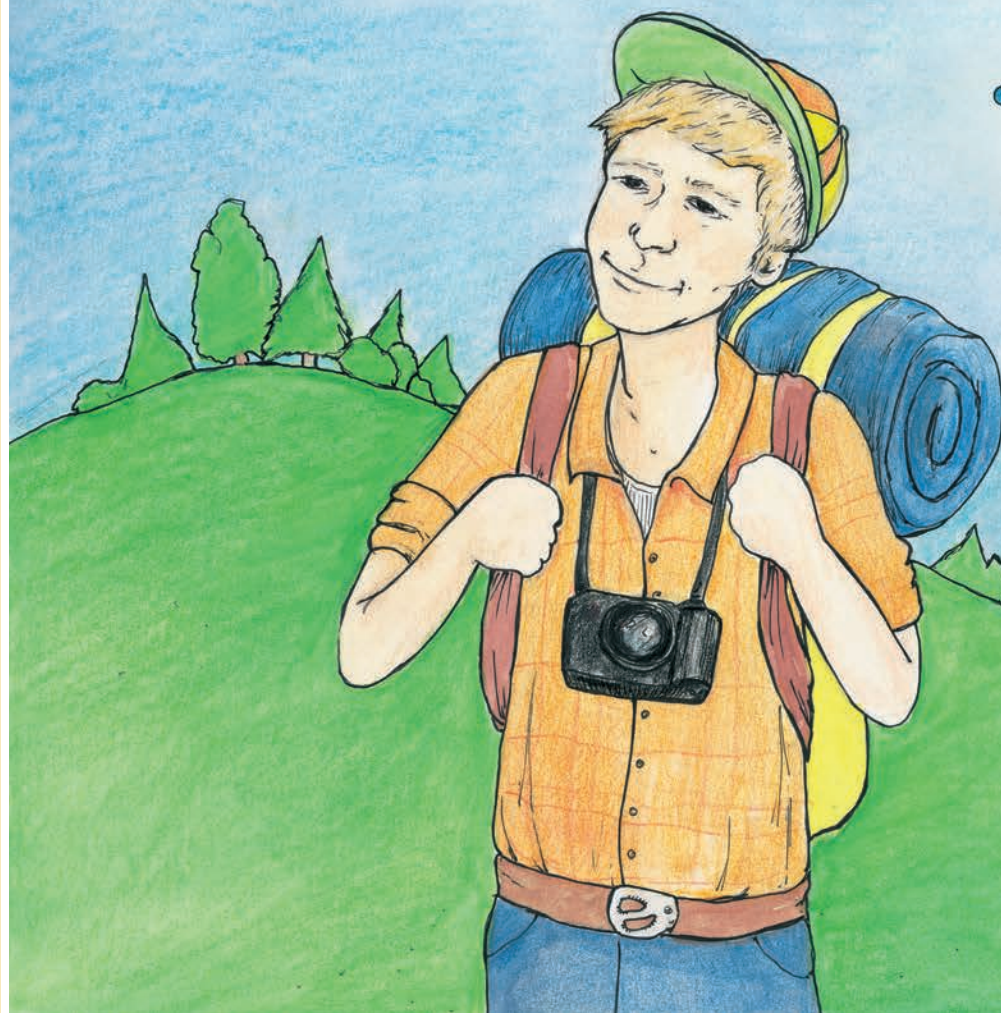


“Very much like you put on
your jacket to go out to play,
Soul puts on different
bodies to wear.”



“A body helps us learn our lessons while we are here.

“Grandpa wore his body for a very long time. It was a good body, and he enjoyed using it.”



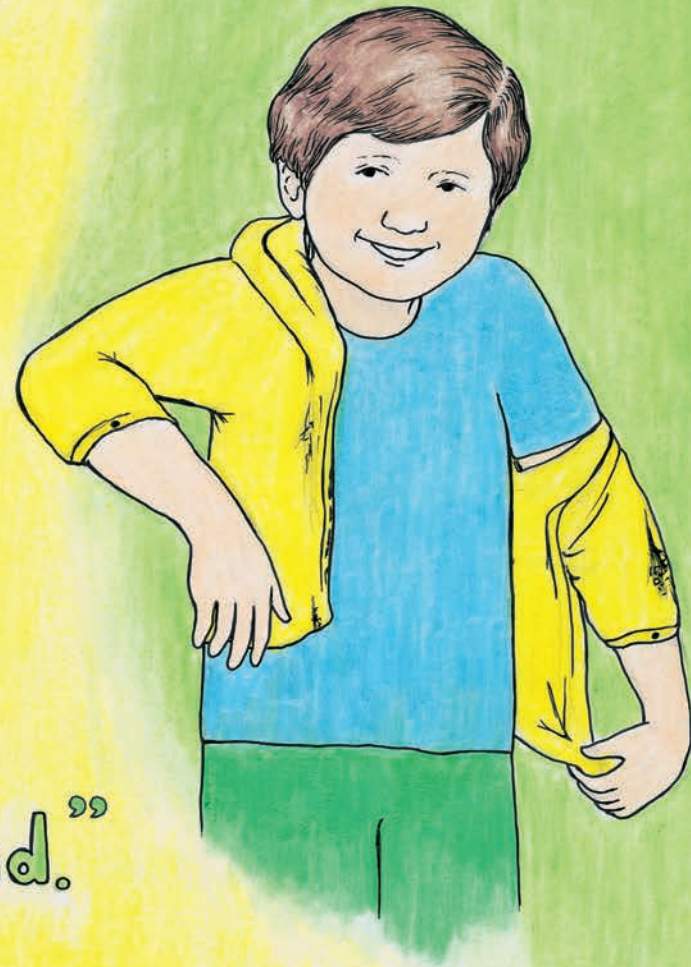
“But after we use our bodies for many, many years,
our bodies grow old.

“One day, our bodies can no longer serve
us well, so we just let go of them.”



“Just like when your jacket becomes old and worn and no longer fits you, you take it off.

“Well, one day when our bodies can no longer work well for us, we just leave them behind.”



“Where is Grandpa now?”

Davie asked.



“Grandpa is living in the higher worlds above,”
Grandma said. “He is enjoying being with his old friends.”

“But Grandpa is still in our hearts
as we continue our lessons here on Earth.

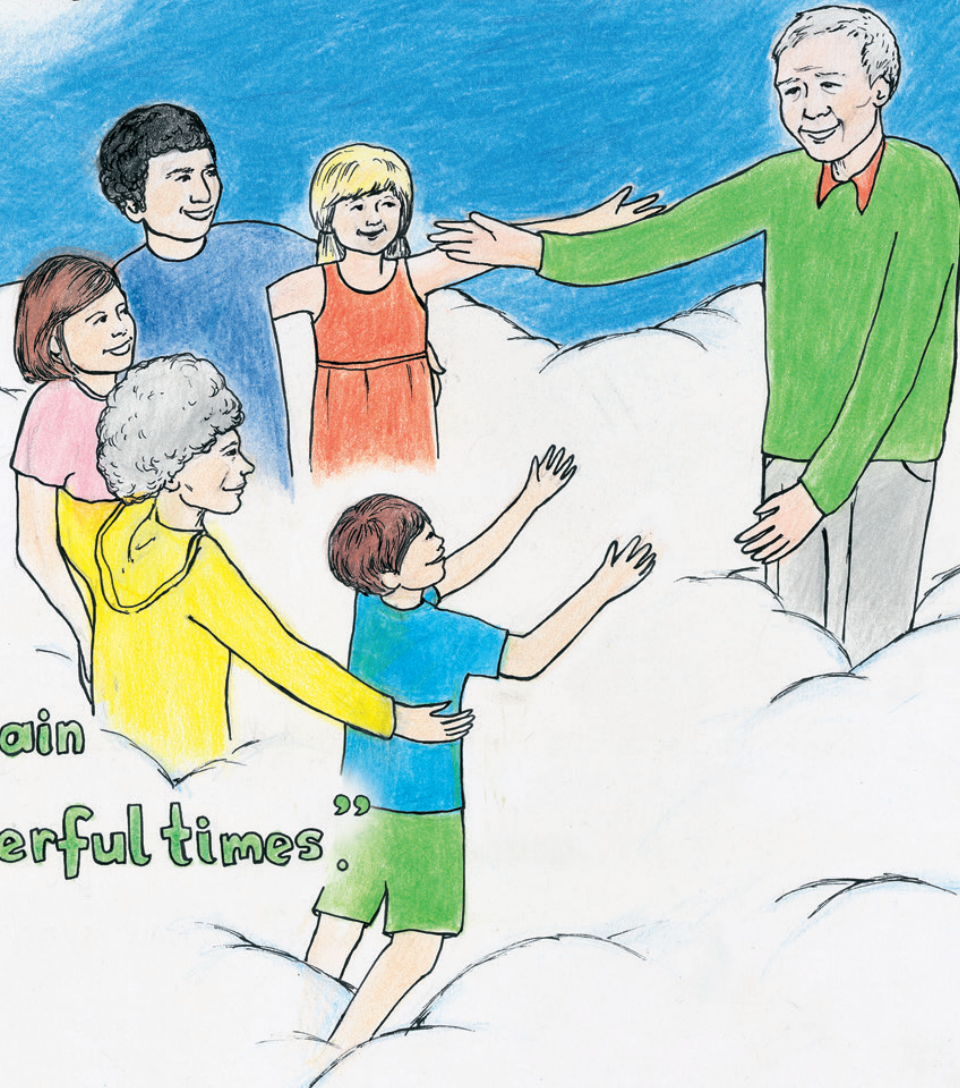
He is never far away, Davie,” she said.

“His love will always be with you.”



“Later, when our time comes to join Grandpa,
we will just step right out of our bodies, as easy
as one, two, three.

“We can
be together again
and have wonderful times.”



“Then sometime later, we may come
back here to Earth again.

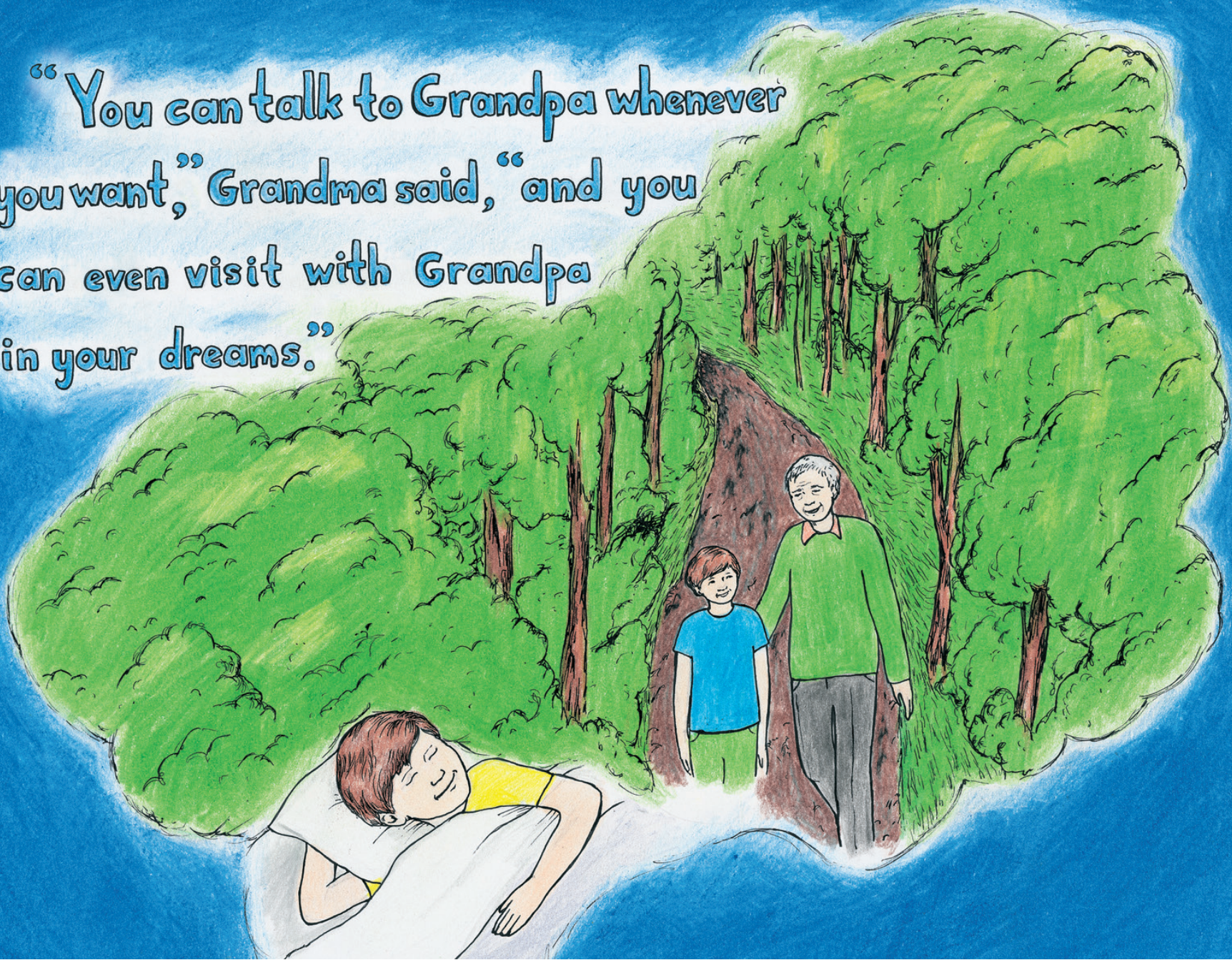


“We will each choose a new body
to help us with all our new lessons here.”



“Only next time, you may be the Grandpa and he may be the Grandson.” Davie laughed at the funny thought of sometime in the future being his Grandpa’s Grandpa.

“You can talk to Grandpa whenever you want,” Grandma said, “and you can even visit with Grandpa in your dreams.”



“At night you can sing HU, which is an ancient name for God that is also a love song to God.”

Davie remembered how sometimes he and Grandpa would sing the HU together. He remembered how this sweet song always filled his heart with love. Grandma said, “Sing HU before you go to sleep, and ask God to let you go visit with Grandpa.”



“We are never far away from those we love.”



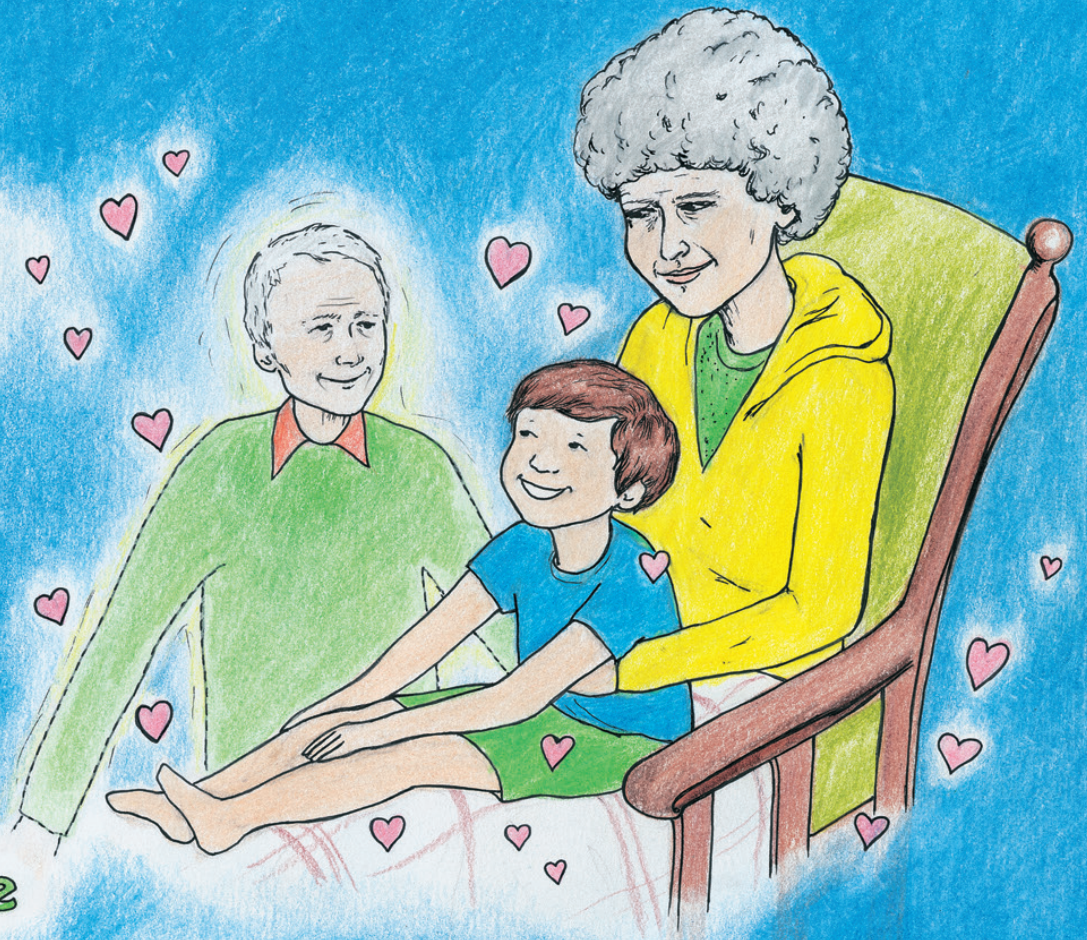
“Love always carries us from one life to another.”



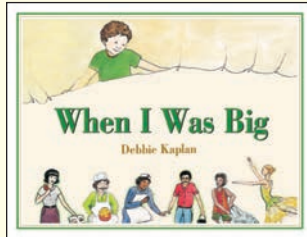
Grandma's words made Davie feel warm all over, for he knew that Grandpa was safe and that they could be together again.

He could even feel
his Grandpa's love all
around him.

Davie smiled,
for he was glad that he
and everyone he knew were Soul.



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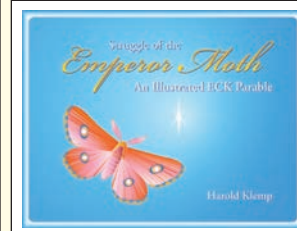
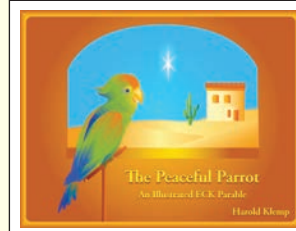
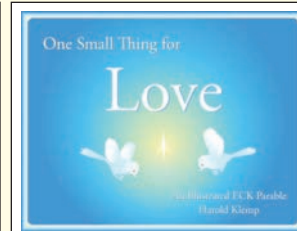
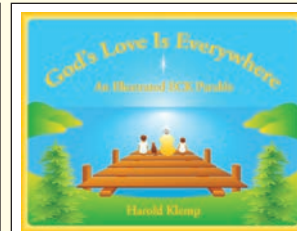
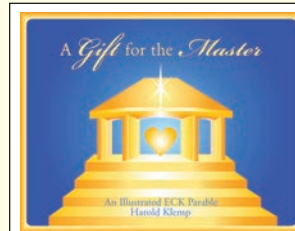
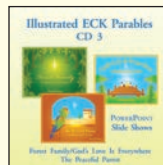
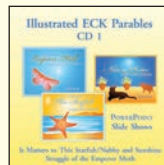


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“Where did Grandpa go?” Davie asks this timeless question. In this book, join him to find the spiritual answer. It may be surprising how simple and beautiful the truth is.

You will find Davie a good companion as you explore what happens when a loved one—a relative, a pet, or a friend—passes on. You will find that life’s challenges and changes are all about divine love.