

A religious book on the topic of mourning

A sensible book for adults who want to go with children in their mourning



Anja Kieffer **Grandpa's Journey to the Stars**

[Opas Reise zu den Sternen]
A book for children about death and bereavement

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Everybody is a star before they come to Earth – at least that is what Jakob's Daddy believes. And so, when his Grandpa dies, it is obvious for the little boy that his Grandpa has just gone back to his friends in heaven. Daddy says that death is just a word. It means that time on Earth has come to an end. And for Grandpa that means that his time with the stars has begun.

This poignant story about the stars allows adults give children a message of hope when a beloved person dies and they have to explain what will happen to him or her. And then there is the funeral and a whole lot of fear and sadness. This sensitively written and illustrated book for children addresses these emotions and makes for a comforting understanding of events.