

## ***When Dinosaurs Die - Reading Guide***

Author/Illustrator: Laurie Krasny Brown & Marc Brown

Themes: death, grief

Lesson/Notes: Children are often confused about death and may even feel responsible. This book explains death appropriately to children and helps them learn about the natural social and emotional responses to death in a non-threatening way. The authors describe ways to honor a loved friend or family member who dies (or even a beloved pet). It is crafted in a way that leaves an opening for parents to discuss their own religious traditions and beliefs about what comes after death.

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### **Discussion Questions**

- *What was something new you learned from this book?*
- *Do you have any questions after reading?*
- *What do you think is a nice way to honor someone who has died?*
- *Do you have a favorite memory of someone who has passed away?*

### **Activity: Paint a Memory**

- Supplies: paper, paint, paintbrush
- Encourage child to paint a favorite memory of a loved one who has died.
- Note: You may be reading this with a child who has not experienced a loved one dying. Maybe a friend has lost a loved one. If (s)he does not have a memory to paint, (s)he could paint a picture for a friend, or simply do something to enjoy and appreciate being alive!