

A 7-Day Reading Pack After the Loss of a Child

For bereaved parents. Written slowly, with no attempt to explain the loss.

Gentle KJV scriptures for parents grieving the death of a son or daughter at any age.

How to use this pack

- One page whenever you can. Weeks between pages is fine.
- Nothing here asks you to be positive or to find a reason.
- Give this to a bereaved parent long after everyone else has stopped calling.

The seven days

Day 1 — Lament is allowed · 2 Samuel 12:23

Day 2 — Their name · Mark 10:14

Day 3 — The unanswerable why · Matthew 18:10

Day 4 — Marriage in grief · Psalm 34:18

Day 5 — Other people's words · Psalm 139:13-16

Day 6 — God who lost a Son · John 11:35

Day 7 — One step · Revelation 21:4

No loss compares to the death of a child. It violates the natural order and leaves parents with a grief so deep it can feel unbearable. The Bible does not shy away from this anguish — David wept for his son, Rachel wept for her children, and Jesus Himself wept at the grave of Lazarus. These King James Bible verses will not explain away the pain, but they offer a God who weeps with you, who holds your child, and who promises reunion for those in Christ.

Lament is allowed

But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

2 Samuel 12:23 (KJV)

David's hope of reunion with his child

Devotion prompt

David wept openly for his child. What would you say to God if you were not trying to be faithful about it?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Their name

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:14 (KJV)

Jesus welcomes children

Devotion prompt

Write your child's name and one thing about them. People stop saying the name; you do not have to.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

The unanswerable why

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 18:10 (KJV)

Children are treasured in heaven

Devotion prompt

What question are you carrying that has no answer? Write it. Leaving it unanswered is not unbelief.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Marriage in grief

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Psalm 34:18 (KJV)

God is near in the darkest grief

Devotion prompt

Parents grieve differently and it can feel like betrayal. What do you need your spouse to understand this week?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Other people's words

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

Psalm 139:13-16 (KJV)

God knew and loved your child

Devotion prompt

What has been said to you that hurt? You are allowed to set it down rather than defend it.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

God who lost a Son

Jesus wept.

John 11:35 (KJV)

Jesus grieves with you

Devotion prompt

What does it mean, if anything today, that the Father watched his own Son die?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

The promise of no more tears

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More verses for this season

Keep this page for cards, texts, and the days when you need different words.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

Isaiah 49:15 (KJV)

God never forgets your child

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Psalms 147:3 (KJV)

Healing for shattered hearts

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33:27 (KJV)

Everlasting arms holding you

A prayer for this season

Lord, we do not understand and we are not pretending to. Stay with us. Hold our child, hold us, and do not let us be lost in this. Amen.

Practical ways to use these verses

- 2 Samuel 12:23 is the most important verse for parents — David's hope of reunion
- John 11:35 reminds grieving parents that Jesus Himself cried at death
- Mark 10:14 assures that Jesus welcomes children into His presence
- Do not rush to share verses — sometimes just being present is enough
- Isaiah 49:15 affirms that God loves and remembers the child even more than the parent does

Notes and prayer requests

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