



RITUAL AND REMEMBRANCE

Snowflake

This is an idea for funerals where young children (say under 12 years of age) are present.

Get a circular piece of paper (about 20cm in diameter) and fold it in half and in half again. Talk with the young person/people about the deceased – usually a gran or papa but sometimes a parent – and as you talk together about each area of the person's life cut a shape from the edges. Try, where possible, to cut a shape that is relevant to what you are talking about. For example if they went to church you could cut out a cross shape. If they worked at Johnny Walker's (A whiskey industry) cut out a bottle shape. When you have talked about the person's life and most of the edges have shapes cut out of them you can open it up and see the picture of the person's life and you can point out that no one else's life will be the same as this person's life.

Here is an example of the snowflake folded up:



Here is an example unfolded:

