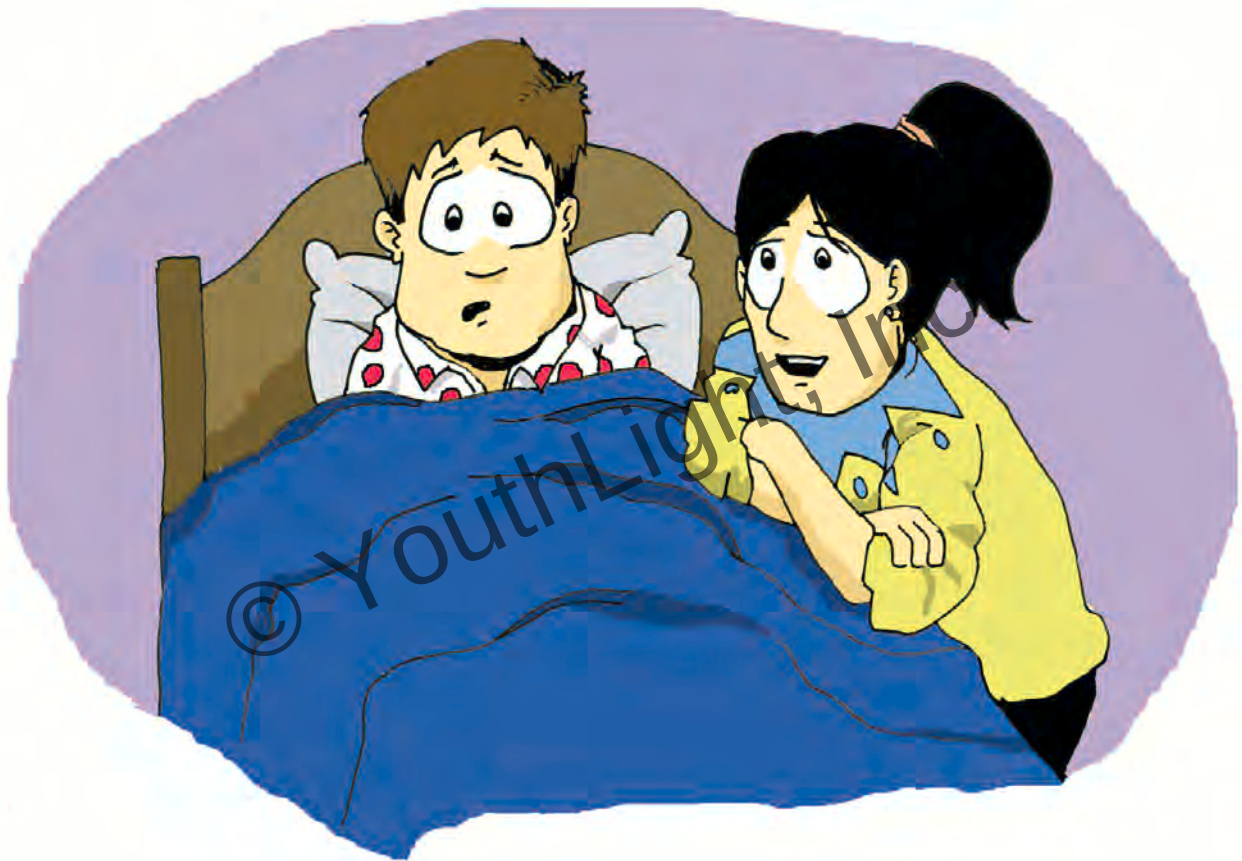




The telephone rang. Mommy answered it and said, "Hello." It was Grandma. She had called to tell Mommy some sad news about Grandpa. When Mommy got off the phone she told Little Dave, "I have to go to see Grandma."

Mommy explained, “You know that Grandpa has been very sick a very long time. Most of the time when people get sick, they get well. But sometimes people have a sickness that doesn’t get well, even when doctors and nurses try their best to make them get better. Grandpa’s sickness is like that. Grandma needs me to come to be with her because Grandpa is probably going to die soon. You and Daddy will come to Grandma’s house in a day or two to be with us.”



## Discussion QUESTIONS:

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1. Why is Mommy going to see Grandma?
2. How long had Grandpa been sick?
3. What did Mommy say usually happens when people get sick?



Next Mommy asked, "Do you remember the story we saw on TV the other day about the caterpillar and the butterfly?"

"Yes!" exclaimed Little Dave.

"Tell me about the caterpillar," said Mommy.

"He was fuzzy!" giggled Little Dave.

"Yes he was. He was crawling on a leafy branch. What did the caterpillar do next? Do you remember?" asked Mommy.



“No, Mommy. He was a butterfly!” giggled Little Dave.  
“That’s right,” said Mommy. “He came out of the cocoon, and he wasn’t a caterpillar anymore. He dried his wings, and then what did he do?”  
“He flew away. He was a real butterfly!” said David in amazement.