Katie's Grief List- Solitary Activities

- 1. Cry (it is good and healthy to let it out)
- 2. Pray for God to feel close in your grief.
- 3. Look at pictures of your loved one.
- 4. Say their name in conversations.
- 5. Remember the good times you shared with your loved one.
- 6. Think about your loved one's best qualities.
- 7. Pray that God preserves your best memories of them.
- 8. Set aside a special day to mourn your loved one. Sad days are okay!
- 9. Listen to your loved one's favourite music.
- 10. Listen to music that reminds you of your loved one.
- 11. Watch your loved one's favourite TV show or movie.
- 12. Write a letter to your loved one, updating them on your life.
- 13. Visit a special place that reminds you of your loved one such as their grave, a park or a restaurant.
- 14. Thank God for the gift of your loved one. Remember, God handcrafted them.
- 15. Honour your loved one by doing a good deed on their birthday or death date.

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- 16. Donate money or volunteer for a cause your loved one supported.
- 17. Remember how your loved one celebrated each season and try to celebrate it the same way.
- 18. Journal your thoughts about grief, labelling your feelings, is possible.
- 19. Think of things your loved one didn't get to do and try to accomplish one of them.
- 20. Reread your loved one's obituary, or funeral program.
- 21. Write an obituary about your loved one and include information nobody else knew.
- 22. Plan a fun activity on your loved one's birthday, in remembrance of them.
- 23. Make a list of people who supported you in your early grief and pray for them with gratitude.
- 24. Write a thank you note to people who were extra kind when you were grieving.
- 25. Write a message to your loved one, tie it to a helium balloon and release it. (keep the string short to protect animals)
- 26. Write a poem about your loved one and the sadness you feel.
- 27. Write a funny poem about the things your loved one did that were funny.
- 28. Use a puppet or stuffed animal to recreate a goodbye if you didn't get the chance to say goodbye before they died.
- 29. Draw a picture of a favourite memory with your loved one.
- 30. Decide what your favourite quality of your loved one was, and try to develop that quality in yourself.

Katie's Grief List- Social Activities

- 1. Ask a trusted person to hug you as you cry.
- 2. Talk about the qualities you miss most about your loved one.
- 3. Ask others to share their favourite memories about your loved one.
- 4. Invite others to listen to your loved one's favourite music with you.
- 5. Invite someone to share the food your loved one loved.
- 6. Plan a day to remember your loved one with others who miss them.
- 7. Include a special memory of your loved one in your birthday celebration.
- 8. Include your loved one in a new Christmas or holiday tradition.
- 9. Commemorate your loved one's Happy Heaven Day.
- 10. Watch your loved one's favourite TV show or movie with someone else.
- 11. Ask a trusted friend if you can talk about your loved one and have them listen.
- 12. Ask a trusted friend if you can talk about grief with them and ask them how they grieve.
- 13. Play a game with a friend that you happily shared with your loved one.
- 14. When your grief feels too heavy, as a fun friend to distract you from it.
- 15. Ask family or friends for copies of pictures of your loved one that you don't have.
- 16. Share something you learned from your loved one with a friend.
- 17. Find out more about your loved one's childhood.
- 18. Ask someone who knew your loved one to show you their childhood home or favourite park.
- 19. Ask someone who knew your loved one to share how they felt about you. Try to get them to write it down so you can read it when you're having a hard day.

Remember, there are many different ways and styles of grieving. Try to find a few that bring comfort to you! Grief is a hard job that you must do, and there's no shortcut.