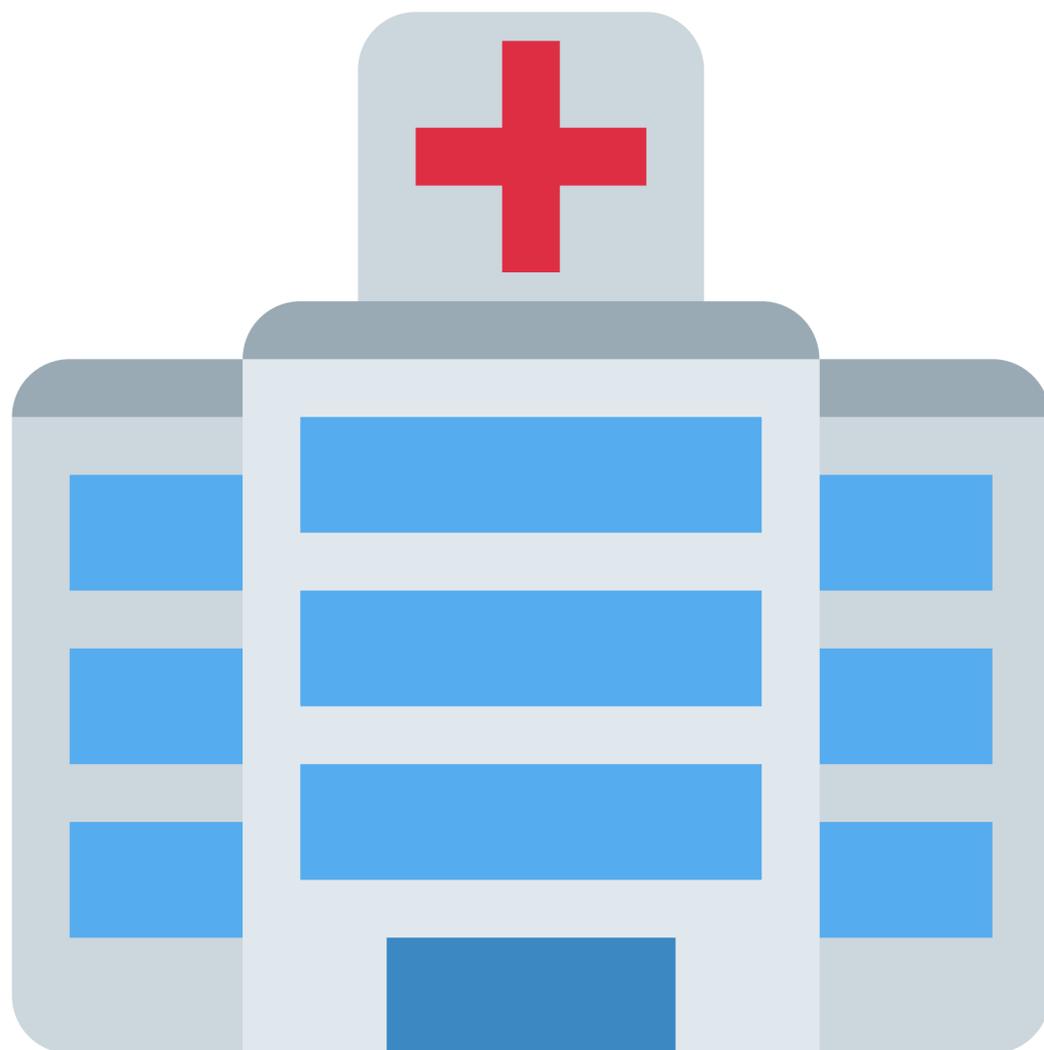




My Loved One in the Hospital: A Special Hospital Story for Kids

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You may have been told that your loved one has been staying at Massachusetts General Hospital. This is a picture of it. It is a very big building!



Here is a picture of what your loved one's hospital room may look like.



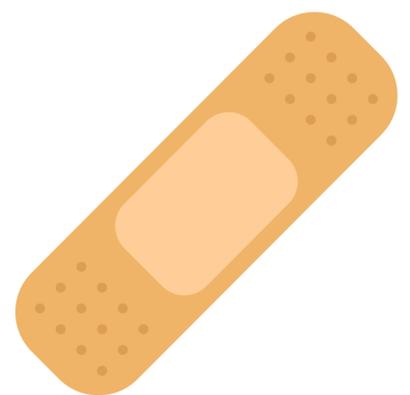
There are many different reasons why people come to the hospital:

Some people are **sick** and need to stay in the hospital to get medicine.

Some might have had an **accident** and need to stay in the hospital while their nurses take care of them.

Others need **surgery**, this is when special doctors and nurses fix a part of the body that isn't working like it should.

Do you know why your loved one is in the hospital?



Your loved one is staying in a special place in the hospital called the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

This is where patients in the hospital stay when they need extra special help and care from their doctors and nurses.

There are lots of people taking the best care of them!



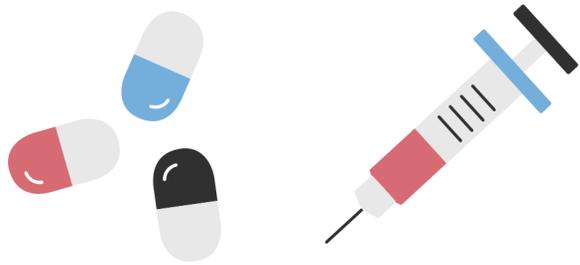
How are the nurses and doctors helping your loved one?



Doctors and nurses are helping your loved one by:

Medicine

Medicine will help your loved one feel better and get stronger.



Tubes & Machines

Your loved one has a few different kinds of tubes and machines that act like his helpers while the body parts need some rest to recharge.



One special tube or machine that your loved one might need is called a **ventilator**.

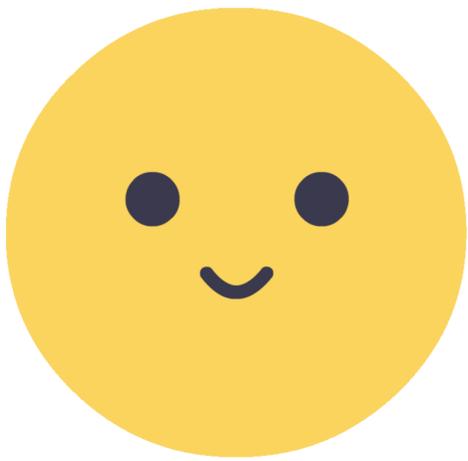
Right now, your loved one needs extra help to breathe. The ventilator is helping your loved one by breathing for them and giving their lungs a break so they can rest and get stronger.

It does not hurt your loved one to have this tube/machine. it is helping them!



Sometimes, being apart from someone you love might make you have lots of **BIG** feelings.

How are you feeling?



Happy



Angry



Confused



Scared

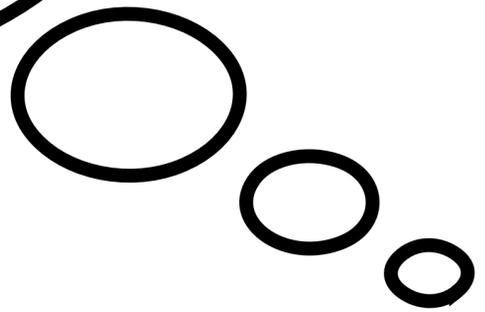
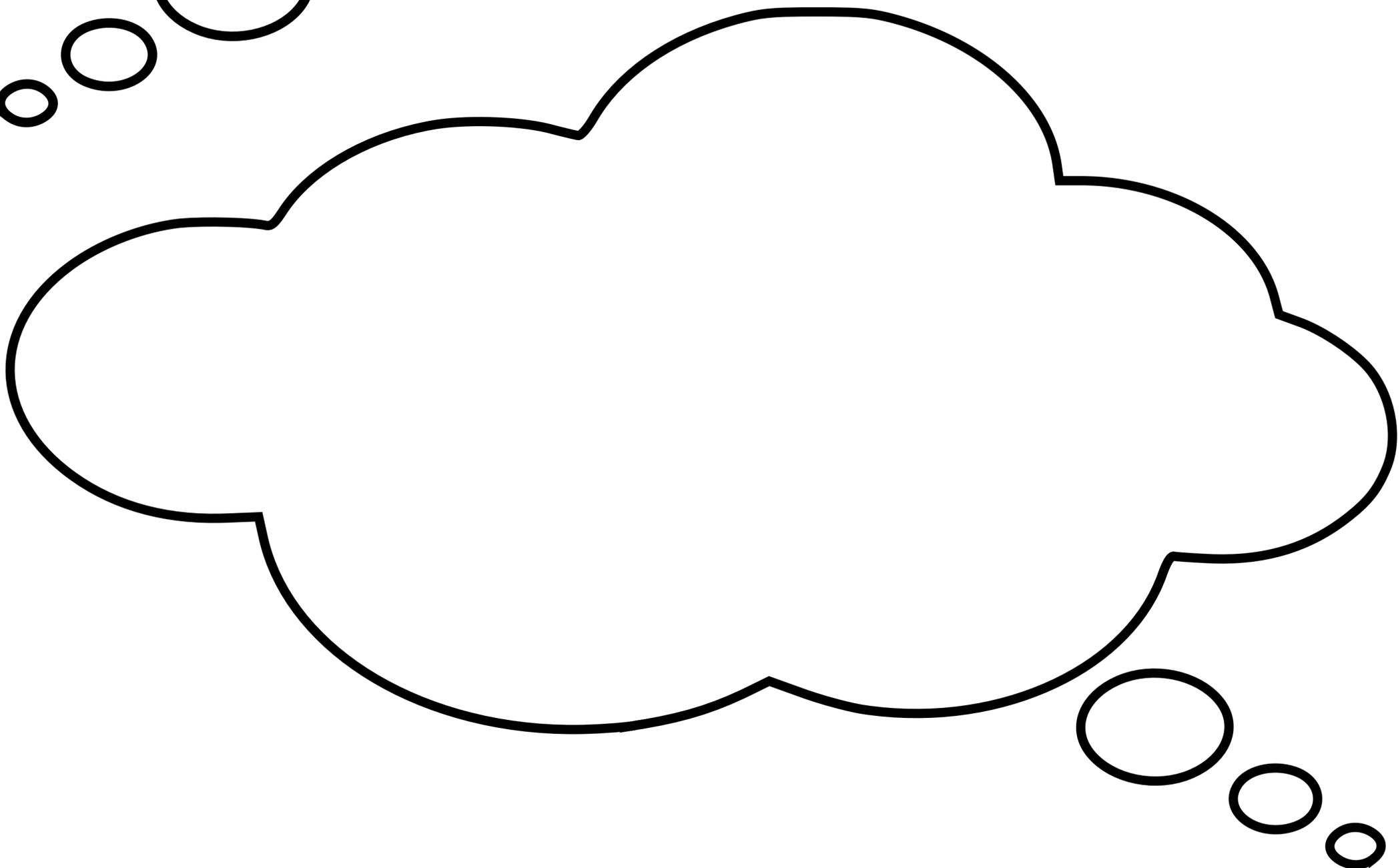
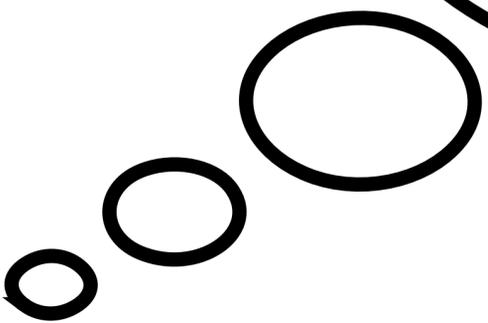
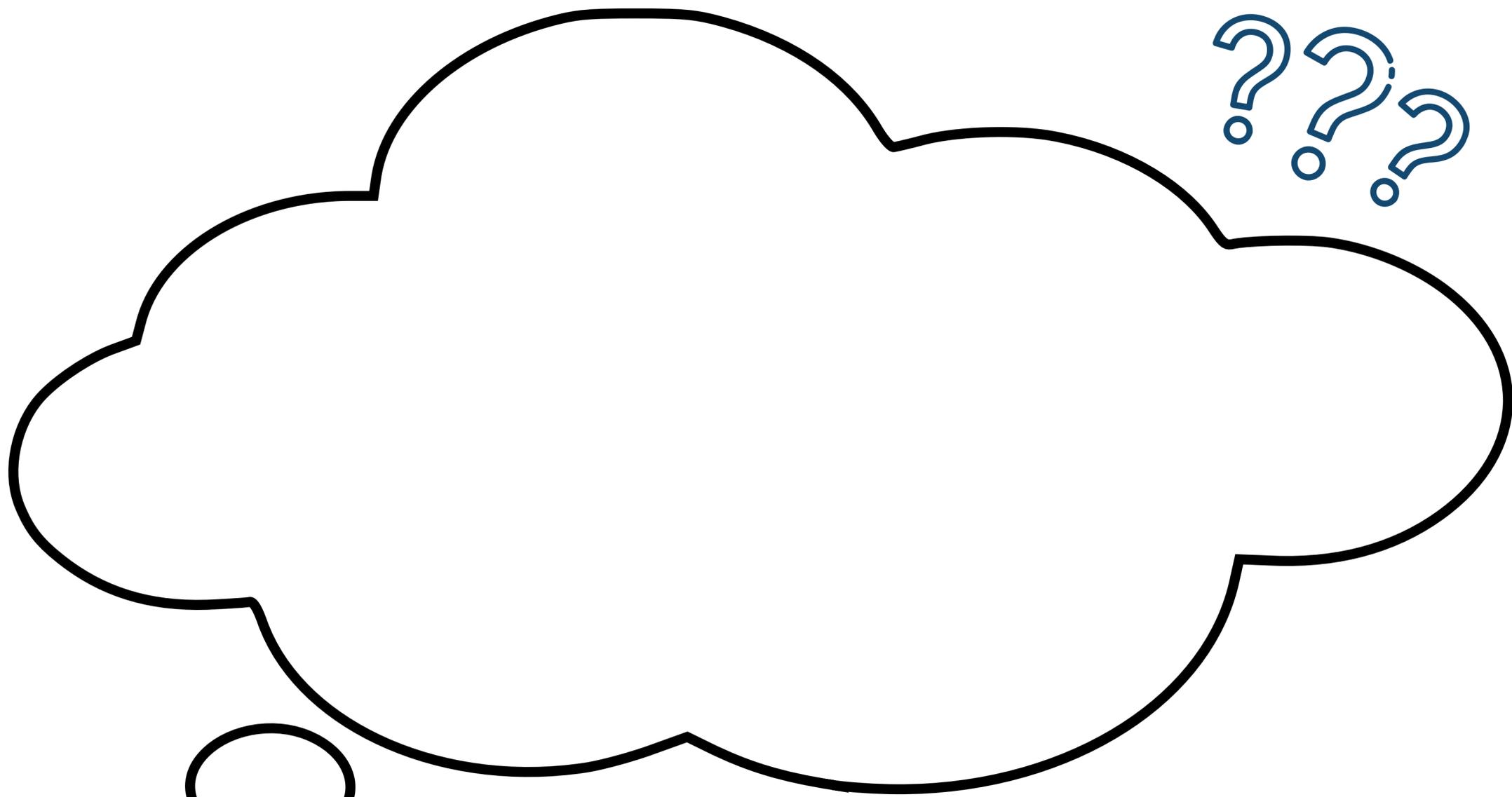


Worried

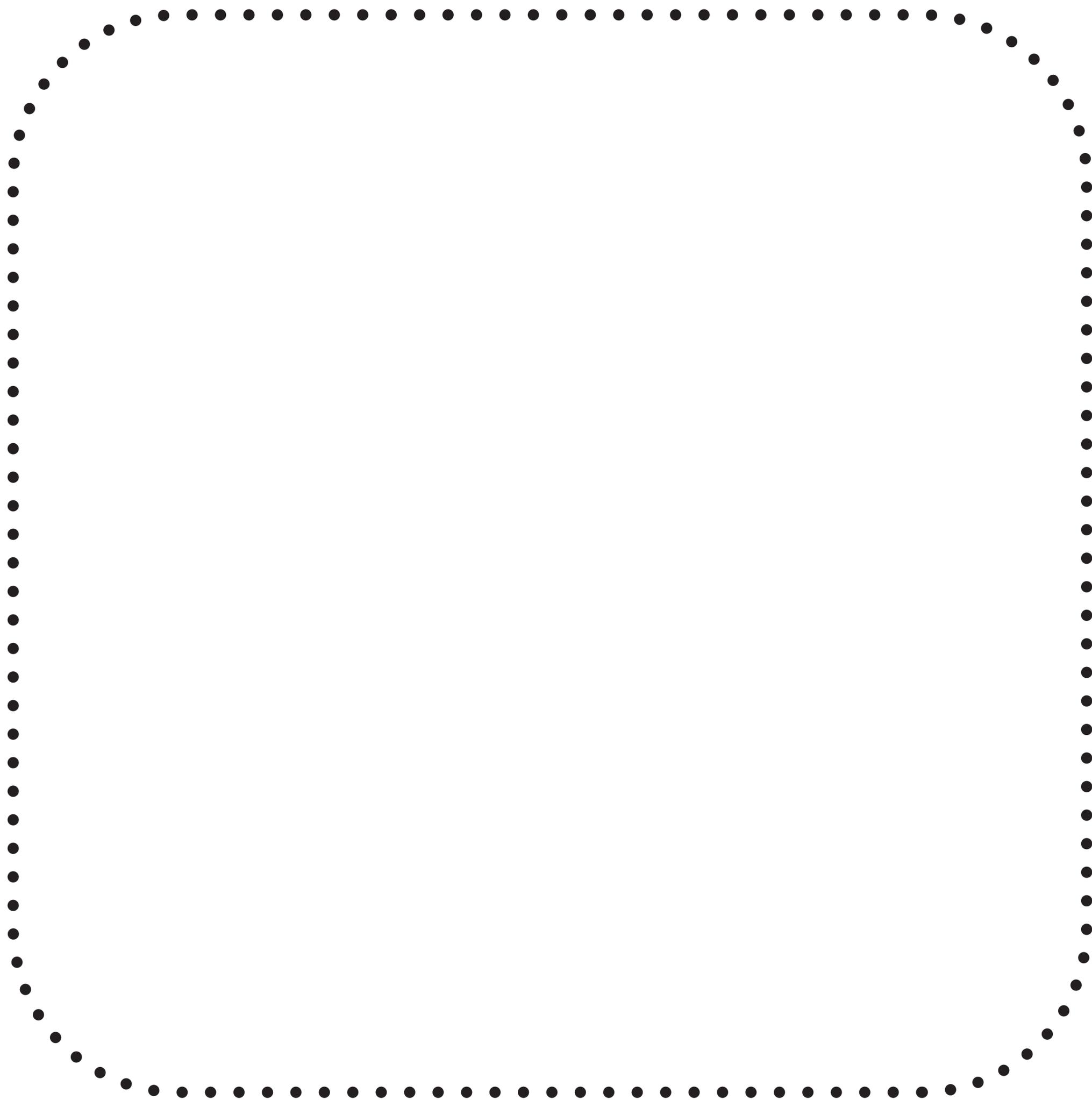


Sad

You might also have some thoughts or questions. What are some things you are thinking or wondering about?



What are some things that might help you feel better when you are missing your loved one? Use this space to write or draw a picture of what may help you!



Sharing your feelings and thoughts, whether they are big or small, is so important to do.

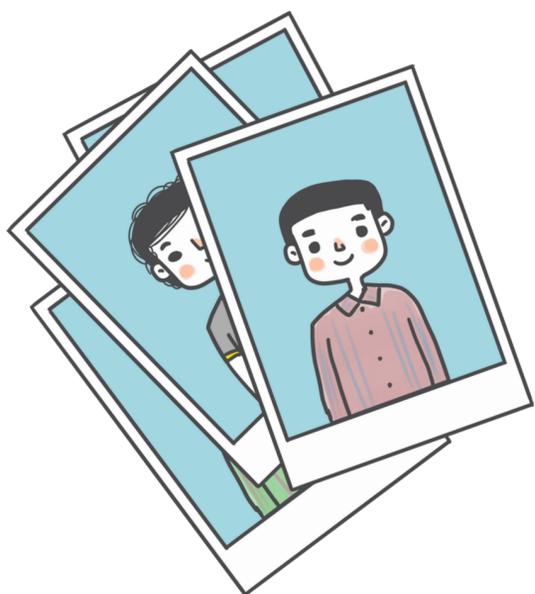
It might help you to talk to a grown up about how you are feeling.

You might feel different ways on different days and that is okay too. You have so many people who are here for you and who love you!



You might be missing your loved one while they are in the hospital. Some kids like to look at photos, or make cards or drawings when they are missing someone that they love. What are some things that might help you?

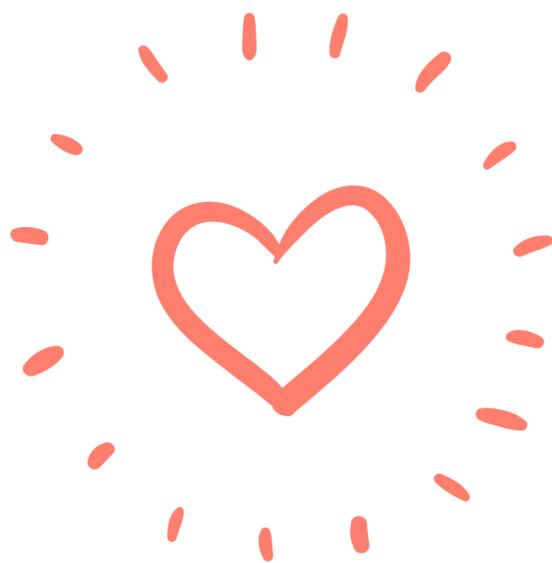
Your loved one misses you and loves you so very much!





Is there anything you are still wondering about or wanting to talk about?

What are some things that might help you the most right now?



THE END!

