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As the work of grief continues in and even after the holidays, consider connecting with family members while older teens can incorporate the concepts into discussion.

What to talk about?

• How do you feel about this holiday season?
• What holiday traditions do you remember from growing up, or how were they different?
• How have current events affected your ability to celebrate?
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We are very glad to get corrections.

Dated Material, Please Deliver Promptly

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We absolutely LOVE Fernside & the support we have received thus far.

Michelle, Adult Participant

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