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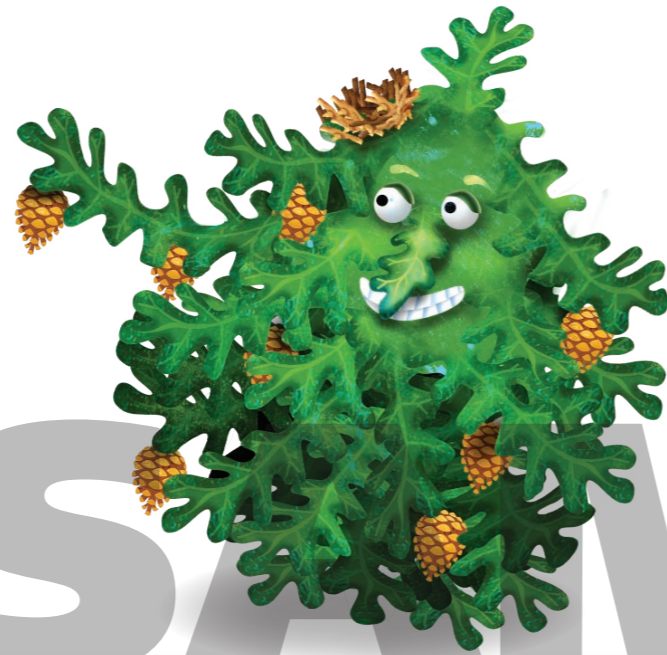
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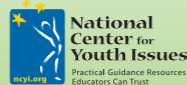
**Ted E. Bear Hollow**  
*Mending the hearts of grieving children and teens*

**Ted E. Bear Hollow**



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Deep in the emerald forest grew a beautiful little pine tree.  
He was very, very sad. He was so sad that he cried tree sap tears every day.  
He cried so much that he was almost out of tree sap tears...  
A few weeks ago, his father was taken.



“Why my dad?” the little pine tree asked his mom.  
“Why was my dad the one?”

“I don’t know why,” said his mom. “It just happened.”

"Maybe if I'm really good and I do everything I'm told, my daddy will come back."

"I wish he would come back little tree, but no matter how good you are that is not going to happen."

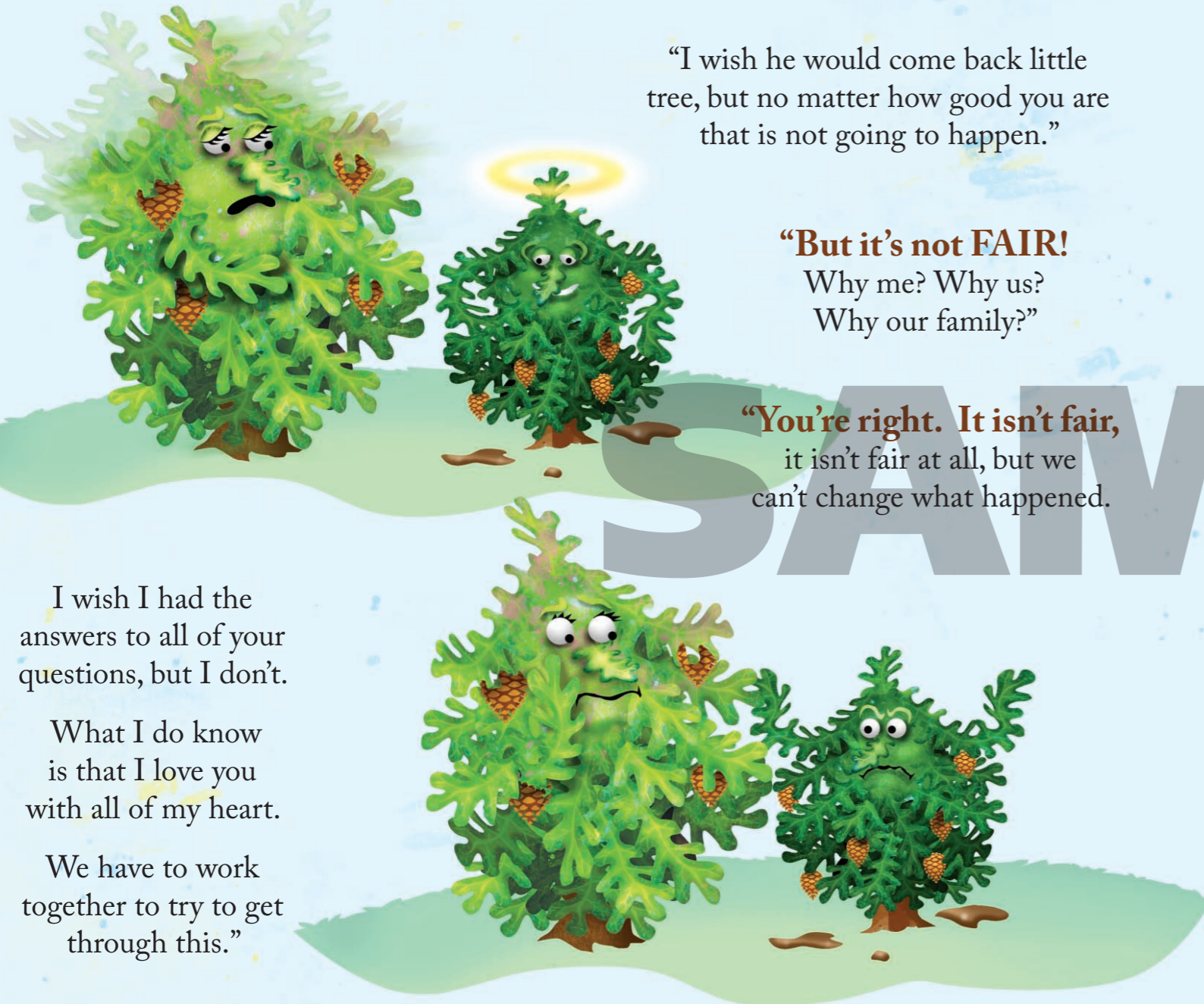
**"But it's not FAIR!"**  
Why me? Why us?  
Why our family?"

**"You're right. It isn't fair,**  
it isn't fair at all, but we  
can't change what happened."

I wish I had the  
answers to all of your  
questions, but I don't.

What I do know  
is that I love you  
with all of my heart.

We have to work  
together to try to get  
through this."



"Are you going to be taken away, too?"

"I can't promise you that I won't be  
taken away, but I will do my very  
best to take care of us. I will do  
everything I can to keep our family  
safe and healthy."

