

The Dragonfly Story

Explaining Death to Children

Once upon a time, in the bottom of the pond, there lives a community of water bugs! Every now and then, one of the water bugs would climb all the way up a lily stock and would never be seen again. They all knew that when this would happen they wouldn't see their friend again. The leader of the waterbug community put his foot down and said that the next one of us to climb up the lily stock must come back down and tell the whole community where they went and why. Soon enough it was that leader's turn to climb up the lily stock. So he started climbing, and by the time he got up to the top of the lily pad, he was VERY tired. He decided he would have a nap. When he woke, he felt something different about his body. He had a tail and wings! Shocked by his new body he wanted to try out his wings and fly. So he flew!! As he was flying, he remembered his promise to the community. He tried to go back down and explain to them where he went, and how amazing he felt in his new body. But he realized he couldn't go back down. He thought to himself that when their time comes, they too will become dragonflies and experience the wonderful world of sun and air. So off he flew off into his joyous new life!