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The Spring 2003 issue of the former Jenison Autism Journal--Using traveling-through-and-learning-from life's losses as a theme, the information in this issue is divided into six sections, each identified with its own "destination label―:

Childhood Losses and Learning discusses loss and its relationship to learning, setting the stage to help children with ASD grow through their losses; Children & Death provides a frame of reference for our discussion of loss and children with ASD - describing the responses of typical children to death and suggestions for adults; Loss & Children with ASD explores how children with ASD experience day to day losses and death; Appreciating the Differences explains why children with ASD sometimes have intense and/or unique responses to loss and the implications this holds for those who work on their behalf; Guiding Children with ASD through Loss shares five guidelines and several ideas to assist children with ASD with losses ranging from a misplaced Legoâ, ¢ block, to the loss of a friendship, to death; and Appendixes, including: Related Resources (Appendix A), Social Stories and Loss (Appendix B), The Suitcase Curriculum and Other Ideas (Appendix C).