**What Is a Tragedy?**

A *tragedy* is a very, very, very sad and terrible event. I may first learn about a tragedy when I watch television. This is because tragedies almost always happen someplace else.

Tragedies have *survivors*. Survivors are people who are alive after a tragedy. They have lost something very important to them, like their home.

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Or a survivor may know or love someone who has died in the tragedy. A tragedy is a very sad time, especially for the survivors.

After a tragedy, the police and rescue people arrive. They help the survivors.
Sometimes, many people bring flowers or teddy bears that mean, “We feel very sad, too.” They all leave them in a special place near where the tragedy happened. Sharing sad feelings helps survivors, and other people, too.
After a tragedy, there are many hard questions. People study and work together to find the answers, and new ways to keep people safe.

I may have questions too. Parents, teachers, or counselors can help. If there are really hard questions, we can work on the answers together.