

Through Emily's Eyes

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Our daughter Emily is almost four years old. Often, she comes up with these 'out of this world' statements. She constantly surprises me as she remembers everything. We pass a house that one of my friends lived in 3 years ago and she will say *"mommy I been there before when I was a baby."* It shocks me how much she remembers.

Children are so pure, yet brutally honest. Today was a reminder for me of what children are capable of. Recently, it seems like yesterday, I lost a very close uncle. A 20-year-old kid at a bar in a parking lot killed him. My uncle was sitting outside on some steps and the kid was leaving the bar mad, revving up his car, stirring up dirt in the parking lot. He ran his car into the steps that my uncle was sitting on. My uncle was dead on impact.

It has been almost two years since my uncle was killed.

We talk about him and I have pictures of him throughout the house. Emily has a birth mark on her elbow, if you ask her what it is, she says, *"It's an angel kiss, from Uncle Jerry"* I have no idea where this originated. Today she is in her room playing, all of sudden she comes downstairs and asks *"mommy do you miss Uncle Jerry?"* "Of course I do.", I answered. I asked her why she is asking that. Well, what I heard next was not what I expected. She then tells me *"I can hear him he is crying for us"* I did not know what to say. She then says, *"He's in Heaven with the angels and that*

everything's OK" At this point I'm speechless.

Through Emily's eyes she can see. She sees things that grown ups don't want to see or are too wounded to. I have always believed that children are angels, now I know.

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." – Anonymous