



# A Letter Filled Buckets

A teacher recently contacted us. Her second grade classroom was reading *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* and talking about all the ways they could fill buckets. One of her students asked, "Do dead people have buckets?". The teacher asked the class what they thought about this question. The students' responses were all different, with many opposing views.

No one really knows for sure if people who have died can hear our words or not, but most people talk to people they love after they have died. They go to cemeteries and say things they maybe didn't say when they were alive or just tell them how much they miss them.

## Purpose

To teach children that writing a letter to loved ones can fill lots of buckets.

## Materials Needed

Paper and Pencils/Pens

## Procedure

Read the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*. Ask your students to talk about something they did that day to fill a bucket.

Give each student a piece of paper and a pen or pencil. Have your students write a letter to a loved one. When finished, ask if any student would like to share theirs with the class. It will surely fill the buckets of the entire class!

## Notes

In one of our letter writing classes years ago, a little boy wrote a list of 10 reasons he loved his grandpa. This was after his grandpa had died. He read his letter to his class, to his parents, and at the cemetery. His letter filled many buckets, not just of his friends and family, but also many others because the boy's story was later published in the newspaper.

The teacher said she will, in the future, tell her students that those individuals that died had a bucket on earth.



# Bucket Fillers

