

Child's dream: Dream #1:
I dreamed that I went into the back yard looking for my dog, Blackie. There was snow on the ground and it was so cold. It was night and I thought I could see her in the back by the fence. But when I found her, she was dead and upside down, frozen with her feet in the air and all of her insides were taken out, and I could see thru one of her legs that someone had inserted wires in her up the cold keep her shape. I wondered if the mean next door neighbor had strangled her or fed her some pills thru the fence. I thought "why didn't my dad stop this from happening???" and protect my dog??

child: feels Red Sea Let them down

strangled relationship
things have gone belly up
keeping up appearances
being propped up in some way

Dream Title: Dead Dog, Stuffed Dog, Doggone It, Mystery in the Back Yard, Frozen Blackie

Dream Essence: What is the Dog? Possible answers: a friend, pre-believers (gentle), loyal, mean neighbor - someone close to the dog and child, loyal friendship

Purpose of Dream: Perhaps clues for parent - a past offense (in the back by the fence); perhaps the friend ship was "frozen" in this place and things got turned "upside down", note the cold spiritual environment and someone close by (neighbor) who might have "fed" something to the dog during the offense (through the fence).

What to say to the child?? First, "This is a really sad dream." Then perhaps a little teaching that this is NOT about their literal dog probably worried it is about dog). Could say "This seems to be about something bad happening to a relationship that is very special to you. Next maybe a question like, "Who do you think Blackie represents?" Perhaps taking them through the things that happened to the dog in the dream. If child is unsure or don't know, it could be because they aren't ready to face the situation...maybe too scary. Prayer asking God what He thinks about the situation or the dream - looking for a bridge of reconciliation.