

Mark—7 months old

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Mark told his parents about his remarkable experience when he was 3 years old. Mark had never been told of his cardiac arrest when 9 months old by his parents.

Mark had a full cardiopulmonary arrest in the emergency room. It took forty minutes for doctor's to revive him. Most people having this type of experience would have mental retardation, but not Mark. He had a full recovery.

Mark first mentioned his NDE experience after a Christmas pageant, when he announced that God didn't look like the man in the play he had just seen. When questioned by his father Mark relayed what had happened two years earlier. "I saw nurses and doctors standing over me trying to wake me up. I flew out of the room and [went to the waiting room, where I] saw Grandpa and Grandma crying and holding each other. I think they thought I was going to die."

Mark then reported seeing a long, dark tunnel and crawling up it. He said it was difficult to crawl without a helping hand, but didn't know who had helped him. At the end of the tunnel was a bright light that kept him going. There he found a 'bright place' and 'ran through fields with God.' He said 'one can double jump in heaven' (a statement also made by another interviewed patient).

God asked if he wanted to go 'back home'. Mark said 'no.' but God told him he would come back again some other day.