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Here is something about a book that was loaned to me to read.

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Subject: Meet the boy who says he visited hea-en,
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"Colton Burpo, 11, was 4 when he nearly died. On Monday he described visiting h-aven, seeing not only Jes-- but a sister lost due to a miscarriage and a great-grandfather with huge wings things his parents said he couldn't have known about."

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4 year-old also describes meeting his unborn sister, great-grandfather with huge wings

After a burst appendix nearly cost 4-year-old Colton Burpo his life in 2003, his little boy from Nebraska thinks he has a good idea because he said he's been there. We'll talk to him in a moment. first, his story.

speaker

Some people have called this g-d's country. with crimson sunrises and rolling farmlands. Imperial, Nebraska, population 1,982, is the heartland. it's also where the Burpo, the local pastor, Sonya and their three kids live. Normal in all respects it except one.

A few a-gels came to pick me up and I was looking at J--us.

speaker

That's right. their 11-year-old Colton has been to Jes--.

speaker

Then he says the thing that gets their attention. That's when the ang-ls sang to me, mom . Wow.

speaker

It all started when Colton was 4 with a near tragedy.

speaker

We hit a low. We looked at each other.

speaker

What they thought was the flu was a burst appendix.

speaker

He had it for four days.

speaker

They were given little hope.

speaker

I remember the doctor not saying anything. You know that was a nightmare.

speaker

After 17 days in the hospital Colton emerged but he was different. He began speaking about things he couldn't possibly know about. His mother's miscarriage. His father's p-ayers and a visit with his great-grandfather Pop.

speaker

I was just sitting by the h-ly s-irit. Then this guy comes up to me

and says, are you Todd's son? i said, yes. He said, well, i'm his grand-father.

speaker
It led to this book " He-ven is for real." good morning to all of you.

speaker
Good morning.

speaker
Colton, i will talk to you in a second, but Todd, first they will say this is a pastor, a believer, a man of the cloth. He wants desperately to believe this and he wants others to believe it. That's why this story is out there. How do you respond to people like that?

speaker
At first, we were surprised. We doubted ourselves. we never anticipated to talk to our son about these things. What grabbed my attention is he could tell me where I was while he was in surgery. The surgeon couldn't, my wife couldn't. He could tell me.

speaker
You asked how he knew. He said, i was sitting in J--us' lap as you ere doing all these things.

speaker
Yes.

speaker
You were both cynical until you started to hear these things.

speaker
Exactly.

speaker
Some of the other things he said. okay, i'm sitting in J--us' lap. Everyone in heaven has wings. mine for smaller than most people's. Nobody is old in heav-n.

speaker
I like that part.

speaker
A lot of people like that.

speaker
Did you start to share these stories with other people and did anyone say, you folks are crazy? You have been through a traumatic experience.

speaker
We didn't share at first. Once we started sharing, people were amazed and encouraged by what we were sharing with them.

speaker
Colton, today you're 11. This happened when you were 4. How vivid are your memories today? Can you close your eyes and remember exactly what you think hea-en looked like? Exactly what J--us looked like? All those things?

speaker
Well, i remember most of it. But since time has come by, you forget.

speaker
When you say nobody in heav-n is old, they all -- you saw nobody like in their 60s, 70s, 80s up there?

speaker
No. Saw them in their 20s, 30s at oldest.

speaker
I think a question a lot of people would like to ask is what did hea-en itself look like? Is it the way i talk about it to my kids? Is it above the clouds? Is everybody floating? What's it like?

speaker
Well, there was a lot of colors. There are a lot of people. and a

lot of animals.

speaker

You know, i think the story that's going to get people's attention, Sonja and Todd, is the story that he met the child that you had miscarried. That was a couple years earlier. Had you ever told him about that incident?

speaker

Not at all. Not at all.

speaker

How would you explain it to a 3-year-old that a baby died in your tummy? No. It was something we didn't even share with our friends.

speaker

Can you describe the moment he said that to you?

speaker

Shocking, but then a relief which she's okay. We didn't know she was a she.

speaker

Tell me about Pop, Colton.

speaker

Well, Pop, he was very big, huge wings. he had curly hair, big smile and he was really nice.

speaker

You know, what's amazing is this has become a "New York Times" bestseller for nonfiction. is simple explanation is a lot of people want to believe or want to question.

speaker

i think for us, he told us about his sister in he-ven and we hadn't told him. Another one of those h-ly cow moments. He can't invent this. No memory was planted, but the pie peace that came over us and the he-ling that, wow, i have a daughter waiting for me. A lot of people need that hope and healing, too. i think that's what a lot of people are finding when they hear Colton's testimony.

speaker

Tell us what you want people to take from this -- a sense of peace prap peace perhaps?

speaker

Hope, he-ling.

The book is called "H-aven is for real." They will be back in the fourth hour to talk to Kathie Lee and Hoda. We'll be right back after your local news.

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After a burst appendix nearly cost 4-year-old Colton Burpo his life in 2003, his parents were thankful just to have him alive and well. But when he opened up about his brush with de-th a few months later, they were shocked when he described a very vivid trip to h-aven, and spoke of matters about which he had no apparent way of knowing.

During an automobile trip, when Sonja Burpo asked him about his memories of being in the hospital, little Colton replied: Yes, Mommy, I remember that's where the an-els sang to me. A sweet answer, to be sure but then Colton made his parents jaws drop when he told them about sitting in J--us lap, watching his parents while he lay seemingly near dea-h, and meeting his great-grandfather. But most poignantly, Colton described meeting a sibling in hea-en even though he had no way of knowing that his mother had miscarried two years before he was born, since his parents had never told him.

J--us and John the Baptist. Todd Burpo began telling of his son's he-ven-sent visions from the pulpit of the Crossroads W-sleyan C-urch in Imperial, Neb., where he serves as pastor. Word of mouth spread, and the family landed a book deal. The book Heav-n Is for Real,

written by Todd with co-writer Lynn Vi-cent has become a best-seller, with some 1.5 million copies in print since its release in November.

Read an excerpt from Hea-en Is for Real
Appearing live on TODAY Monday with Sonja and Colton, who's now 11, Todd told Matt L-uer he understands that naysayers may believe Colton story is a little too heavenly to be true initially, so did he and Sonja.
At first we were surprised; we never anticipated to talk to our son about these things, Todd told Matt La-er. We didn't share at first, and then once we started sharing, people were amazed, Sonja Burpo added. They were encouraged by what we were sharing with them.

Colton was stricken with appendicitis shortly before his fourth birthday.
Family guilt was heavy for five days he lay getting sicker and sicker with what the family believed was stomach flu, which had previously hit Colton's older sister Cassie.

Little Colton nearly didn't make it: He lay in a hospital bed for 17 days.

When he finally rallied, the family rejoiced but they were floored when, months later, the boy began matter-of-factly describing what he had experienced when he was in between life and de-th: seeing --sus dressed in royal purple, meeting John the Baptist, having an-els sing to him to ease his anxiety.

Had huge wings in h-aven, boy says The Burpos believed these were things Colton could have gleaned from his Bi-le studies. But he also told his mother he saw her talking on the phone in another room while he was having surgery, and saw his father pra-ing in a small room, all while he was seated in J--us lap.

What caught my attention was he could tell me where I was while he was in surgery, Todd told Lau-r. The surgeon couldn't tell me that, the nurses couldn't, my wife couldn't tell me where I was praying.
But he could tell me.

But the real shocker came when Colton told his mother, Mommy, I have two sisters. Sonja told her son that he had to be referring to his oldest sister, Cassie, and his cousin Traci, but he responded: No I have two sisters. You had a baby d-e in your tummy, didn't you?

Sonja told L-uer the family had never uttered a word about the miscarriage to Colton and what's more, they never even learned the s-x of their miscarried child. It was a private hurt that we didn't even share with our friends, Sonja said, adding Colton's revelation was at first shocking, but then a relief that she's OK, which we didn't know she was a she. In a subsequent TODAY segment Monday, Sonja filled in Colton's description of his meeting with his sister: He told us what she looked like, and she wouldn't stop hugging him. And she doesn't have a name.

When he told us about his sister in heav-n, that we hadn't told him about, [it was] another one of those ho-y cow moments OK, he can't make this stuff up, he can't invent this; no memory was planted, Todd told La-er. But the peace that came over us, and the hea-ing, like, Wow, I have a daughter in hea-en waiting for me. I think a lot of people need that type of hope and -ealing, too. And I think that's what a lot of people are finding when they hear Colton's testimony, to know what they have to look forward to.

When Lauer asked Colton what hea-en looked like, the 11-year-old replied, Well, there's a lot of color. There are a lot of people and a lot of a-gels.

In his second segment later on Monday, Colton gave Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb some additional details such as the fact that there are no old people in he-ven. Nobody wears glasses, [and] you're in like your 20s, 30s.

Todd Burpo told The New York Times that the family is donating much of the money they make from the book sales. As for Colton, he's mostly happy his story is helping people.

People are getting blessed, and they're going to have
healing from their hurts, the boy told the New York Times.
I'm happy for that.

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