The MFLN Early Intervention team seeks to provide practitioners with resources that support the important work they do with military families. These guided discussion questions are designed to be used with children from ages 3-6 at home or in preschool settings. These questions can be used with children who have a loved one in the military or children who want to gain a better understanding of military life.

**The Wishing Tree by Mary Redman**

1. Where is Amanda’s dad going?
2. How might you feel if your family member was going away for a while?
3. If you had a family member gone for a long time, what things might help you feel better?
4. What hopes and wishes do you have for your family members?
5. Sometimes Amanda’s wishes don’t come true. How do you feel when something you hope for doesn’t happen?
6. At the end of the story, how is Amanda feeling? What feelings might you have if your family member was coming home soon?
7. How do you think Amanda’s dad felt when he saw the wishing tree?