NOTE* The defusing process is most effective when you focus on the disastrous event(s) in this <u>sequence</u>:

- 1. General events
- 2. Event-specific experiences
- 3. Personal experiences

EXAMPLE:

If the event was an earthquake, then do the following:

1 ("General")-Talk/draw about earthquakes in general:
"Earthquakes happen when...", "an epicenter is... etc.

Then ...

2. (Event-Specific") - Talk/draw about the local earthquake you just experienced.

Then ...

3. ("Personal") - Talk/draw about each person's personal experience in that earthquake.

