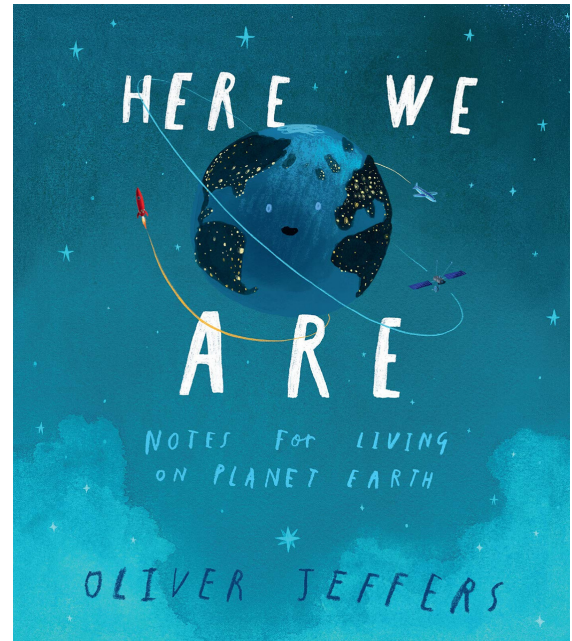




HERE WE ARE

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This is a collection of stories, poems, and fables from various authors around the world about empathy, kindness, love, and care. Some of the material is religious or multi-cultural, but it covers multiple view points, rather than only one.



Questions:

1. What is important to remember when you hear “we are all people”? Is it important to focus on our differences or our similarities?
2. When they say “you’ll learn how to use words soon enough,” who does that make you think this book is for? Just because it’s for babies, does that mean that you can’t enjoy it or learn anything from it?
3. Do you think that life is more fast or slow? It’s true in both ways at times. But if life moves fast and you should “use your time well” would you rather use it caring only about yourself, or being kind and helping others who need it?
4. If there are a lot of people on the Earth is it possible for just one to make a big difference? Of course! Think of all the amazing people who have done wonderful things. That could be you! And even if you can’t help everyone, maybe you can help and change the world for someone, even if it’s just one person. Would you rather help one person or no one?
5. How can you look after planet Earth? What can you do to help keep the planet healthy and to protect the environment?
6. Do you have people in your life that you can always ask for advice or help? Who? Does it always have to be someone older than you? Someone who looks like you?
7. It says “You’re never alone on Earth”. Do you sometimes feel alone? Is that okay? If you can tell that someone you know feels alone, what can you do to help them? When you feel alone what do you wish someone around you would do?
8. On the final page is a quote: “There are only three words you need to live by, son: respect, consideration, and tolerance.” This was said by the author’s dad. If everyone on Earth followed that advice, what kind of place would the world be?