

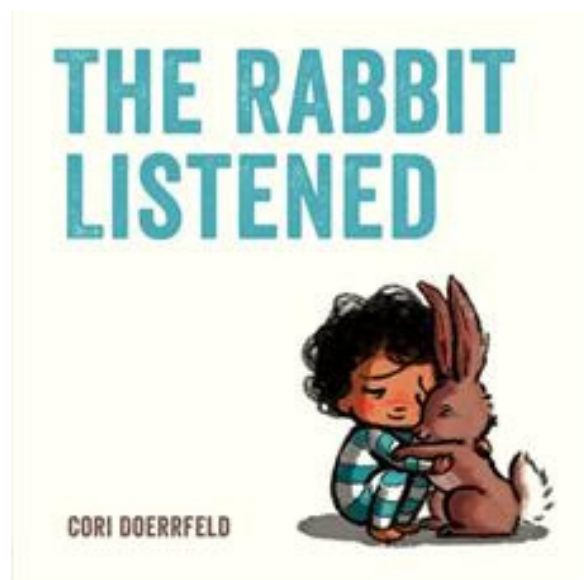


THE RABBIT LISTENED

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SUMMARY

Taylor built something amazing, something incredible, something better than anything he'd ever built before! When it got ruined, he was in the worst mood. He wasn't ready to talk, or rebuild, or throw everything away, or any of the other suggestions his friends have. What will happen with the rabbit just comes and sits with him in silence?



Questions:

1. Have you ever worked really hard and done something you thought was amazing? How did you feel afterward?
2. How would you feel if something you worked hard on was destroyed?
3. If something bad happens to someone, should we be there to listen? If they say they don't want to talk, should we leave? What if they want to be left alone?
4. Does shouting make you feel better? It's okay if yes and it's okay if no. If you suggest it to someone to help them feel better and it doesn't help them, should you leave?
5. If you're trying to help someone feel better, but they don't like the way you're doing it, are you really helping? What's the best way to help someone when you don't know what they need? Is it okay to ask them what they need? Can you help them feel better in a way that has nothing to do with what's upsetting them, like by bringing them a glass of water or a snack? Can you help by finding someone who can help?
6. All the different animals give different kinds of advice. Whose advice is the worst? Is it a good idea to do the same thing to someone else? Will that help you feel better or will it just make someone else feel worse? Does hurting someone else really help you?
7. Have you ever been so upset that you didn't want to do anything but just sit? How would it have felt if someone came and just sat by your side so you weren't alone?
8. Has anyone ever listened to you like the rabbit listened to Taylor? How did it feel to have someone listen that well? Could you be that listener for someone else?
9. How do you think Taylor felt when he rebuilt? Did he feel as proud as the first time? If something gets ruined, even if it's difficult to get over, should we always do our best and try again?