



Episode 4: Kiko Makes a Friend

~ Parent Guide ~

Before Listening

Ask your child: "What would you do if you found an animal that was stuck or hurt?" No wrong answers — just get them thinking before the story starts.

After Listening

What did Kiko hear that made her curious?

What was wrong with Echo, and how did Kiko help her?

Why do you think the balloon string ended up in the ocean?

How did Kiko's family welcome Echo?

Do you know anyone who's new somewhere right now? What's one way to welcome them?

Family Activity: Balloon-Free Celebrations

Talk about how balloons that float away often end up in oceans, rivers, or forests, and can hurt animals like Echo. Brainstorm a fun balloon-free alternative for your next celebration (streamers, bubbles, pinwheels).

Nature Connection

On your next walk or errand, do a quick "spot the litter" walk together — no need to pick anything up unsupervised, just notice and talk about where it might end up.

Screen-Free Idea

Role-play: one person is "tangled" (loosely wrap a soft scarf or ribbon around a stuffed animal), and your child gets to be Kiko and help free them.

A Note on This Episode

This episode introduces Echo, a new character who will return in Episode 5. It includes a moment of mild worry (Echo is separated from her family, and Koba goes out into the storm to search) that resolves calmly — nothing frightening, but worth knowing about if your child is sensitive to family-separation themes.

