



Episode 4: Kiko Makes a Friend

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Lesson Plan (15–20 min)

1. Warm-up (2 min): Ask: "Have you ever noticed something was wrong when nobody else did?"
2. Listen (5–8 min): Play the episode.
3. Discuss (5 min): Use discussion questions below.
4. Activity (5–7 min): "Ocean Helpers" trash-sorting game (below).

SEL Objectives

- Practice noticing and acting on compassion (Kiko helps Echo right away, without being asked).
- Understand, at a simple level, why litter can hurt ocean animals.
- Practice welcoming someone new with kindness.

Vocabulary

Cove — a small, sheltered part of the ocean, often surrounded by rocks.

Tangled — caught or twisted up in something.

Debris — trash or litter that doesn't belong somewhere, like the ocean.

Pod — an orca family group. *Usage: "Echo got to join Kiko's pod for the night."*

Discussion Questions

1. What did Kiko hear that nobody else noticed at first?
2. What was wrong with Echo when Kiko found her?
3. Why do you think the balloon string was dangerous for Echo?
4. How did Kiko and her family welcome Echo?
5. Has anyone ever helped you feel less alone in a new place?

Classroom Activities (no special materials)

1. Ocean Helpers: Name items out loud one at a time (banana peel, balloon, plastic bag, apple core, driftwood) — kids give a thumbs up/down for "belongs in the ocean" vs. "doesn't belong and could hurt an animal."
2. Welcome Circle: Practice one sentence kids can say to welcome someone new to a group, the way Kiko welcomed Echo.

Worksheet Ideas

- "What Doesn't Belong" sorting worksheet — ocean animals and plants vs. trash items to circle/cross out.
- "New Friend" card — draw a picture of a way to welcome someone new.