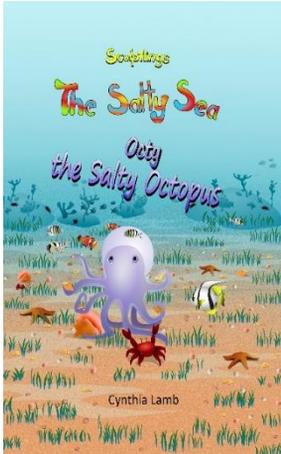


Topic and Discussions with Q & A

Sculptlings

The Salty Sea Series



Octy the Salty Octopus

Ocean Conservation Book (Sharing, Greed, Friendship, Problem Solving, Apologizing, Respecting Others' Belongings, Environmental Awareness)

One day, he finds a big shell on land and takes it home along with many others. But the big shell blocks his cave entrance, and he gets stuck! A clown fish tells him the shell belongs to Mr. Crab. When Mr. Crab arrives, he demands it back. Octy apologizes and asks for help removing it. Mr. Crab forgives him, and together they free the shell. Octy learns that being greedy caused his problems, leads to problems. He realizes that not everything needs to be his, and that the ocean reuses and shares everything naturally. From then on, Octy understands the importance of respecting others and the environment.

Book Topics

- Greed and Self-Control
- Respecting Others' Things
- Stealing
- Saying Sorry and Making Things Right
- Helping and Forgiveness
- Nature and Recycling in the Ocean

Ideas for how to review this book with Preschool kids: Engage little learners with simple, interactive questions and activities:

- What was the message of the story?
- Can you retell the story in your own words? (Let the child share what they remember. It helps with comprehension and expression.)
- Go page by page: Ask, "What's happening here?" Describe what the character is feeling.
- Discuss sharing, apologizing and self-control to help develop social-emotional skills.
- Discuss fairness. To help build moral reasoning about fairness and respect.
- Discuss natural recycling and caring for the ocean to introduce environmental concepts in a simple, age-appropriate way
- Rhyme Time: Find rhyming words together. "Did you hear any words that sound the same?"

More Ideas for how to use these books with your Kindergarteners to 2nd Graders:

- Discuss: What happens when we want more than we need? (It's called greed. We can get into trouble, like Octy did. It can make things harder for us and upset others.)
- Discuss: How can we ask before taking something? (We can say, "May I please use this?" or "Is it okay if I borrow this?")
- Discuss: How did Octy fix the problem with Mr. Crab? (He said sorry, asked for help, and gave the shell back to try to make things between them better.)
- Discuss: What does it mean that "everything in the ocean gets recycled by design"?
A: It means the ocean reuses things like shells and seaweed, over and over again, naturally.



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Preschool Questions

These questions can be asked during or after reading to encourage children to think, respond, and connect with Octy's message.

Discussions on Feelings in the Characters

1. How do you think Octy felt when he found all the shells?

Answer: He probably felt excited and happy because he loved collecting shells.

"Have you ever felt really happy when you found something you liked?"

2. What do you think Octy felt when the clown fish said, 'You're going to be in trouble'?

Answer: Octy might have felt nervous, worried, or even scared.

"Have you ever been nervous because you thought you might be in trouble?"

3. How did Octy feel when he got stuck in the door?

Answer: He likely felt frustrated, angry, or even a little panicked.

"Can you think of a time when you felt stuck or things weren't going your way?"

4. What do you think Mr. Crab felt when he saw his shell was missing?

Answer: Mr. Crab was probably angry, upset, or confused.

"How would you feel if someone took something of yours without asking?"

5. How did Octy feel when he said he was sorry?

Answer: He might have felt embarrassed, guilty, or sorry, but also hopeful that Mr. Crab would forgive him.

"Is it hard for you to say sorry sometimes? Why?"

6. How did Octy feel at the end of the story when he gave the shell back and made a friend?

Answer: He felt relieved, proud, and happy because he did the right thing and made a new friend.

"Have you ever felt really good after fixing a mistake?"



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Discussions on Feelings in Ourselves (Self-Reflection Questions & Talking Points)

1. Have you ever wanted something that didn't belong to you?

Answer: (Let them answer freely)

Discuss: How It's okay to want things. But it's important to ask and not take something that's not ours."

2. Have you ever taken something without asking?

Answer: (Listen openly, avoid judgment)

Discuss: What matters most is that you learned from it. What could you do next time instead?"

3. How do you feel when someone doesn't share with you?

Answer: "I feel left out / sad / mad."

Discuss: That makes sense. How can we show kindness even when someone doesn't share?"

4. Have you ever said "I'm sorry" to someone?

Answer: "Yes / No / I can't remember."

Discuss: How saying sorry can be hard, but it's also brave. What helps you feel ready to say it?"

5. How do you feel when someone forgives you?

Answer: "I feel better / happy / not scared anymore."

Discuss: How forgiveness helps everyone feel better. How can you show someone you forgive them? By doing something nice back and not acting mad at them."

6. What does your face or body feel like when you are... (You can try making these faces in the mirror together and naming the feelings!)

Excited? "Big smile, jumping, loud voice" **Angry?** "Tight fists, loud voice, frowning"

Sad? "Quiet, tears, wanting to be alone"

Sorry? "Looking down, soft voice, maybe a little scared"

Proud? "Big smile, standing tall, feeling warm inside"



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Kindergarten to 2nd grade

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Topic 1: Greed and Self-Control

Q1: Why do you think Octy kept collecting so many shells, even when he already had a lot?

A: Because he liked collecting and didn't want to stop. Sometimes we want more because it feels fun, but we don't always think about whether we really need it.

Q2: What can happen when we take more than we need?

A: We might make a mess, hurt someone's feelings, or cause a problem—like Octy getting stuck in his cave. It's better to take only what we need and leave some for others.

Topic 2: Respecting Others' Things

Q3: Was it okay for Octy to take the big shell? Why or why not?

A: No, because it didn't belong to him. It was Mr. Crab's shell, and Octy didn't ask permission. Taking something that isn't ours is not fair.

Q4: What should we do before using something that belongs to someone else?

A: We should ask first. It's polite to say, "Can I use this?" and wait for them to say yes. That shows respect.

Topic 3: Saying Sorry and Making Things Right

Q5: What did Octy do to make things better with Mr. Crab?

A: He said sorry, told the truth, and asked for help. Then he returned the shell. That showed he wanted to fix the mistake.

Q6: What does a good apology sound like?

A: A good apology says what you're sorry for and means it. Like, "I'm sorry I took your shell. I'll give it back." It also means trying not to do it again.



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Topic 4: Helping and Forgiveness

Q7: Why do you think Mr. Crab helped Octy, even though he was upset?

A: Because Octy apologized and asked nicely. Mr. Crab forgave him and wanted to help fix the problem instead of staying mad.

Q8: What can we do when a friend makes a mistake and says sorry?

A: We can forgive them, just like we would want them to forgive us. We can also help them fix it, like a team.

Topic 5: Nature and Recycling in the Ocean

Q9: What does Octy mean when he says, “Everything in the ocean gets recycled by design”?

A: He means that in nature, things are reused and shared. Old shells become homes for other sea creatures, and nothing is wasted.

Q10: How can we take care of nature and the ocean like Octy learned to?

A: We can share, not take too much, and not litter. We can also recycle and make sure we don't take things that animals need.



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Questions about the story Jay the Salty Stingray

Listen to each question carefully. Then circle the best answer.

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- A. Rocks
- B. Shells
- C. Sticks

2. How many arms does Octy have?

- A. Four
- B. Eight
- C. Two

3. What did Octy see on the land?

- A. His friend
- B. A little shell
- C. A big shell

4. Who said, "That's Mr. Crab's shell!"?

- A. A clown fish
- B. A snail
- C. A seahorse

5. What happened when Octy tried to push the shell into his home?

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- C. A stingray

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