

HOW TO CATCH A STAR (*Oliver Jeffers*)

Version for learning in Imitation Stage

Once upon a time there was a boy who loved stars very much.

Every night the boy watched them from his window and wished he had one of his very own. So, he decided he would try to catch a star. He thought the stars would be tired because they were up in the sky all night. So, the next day he got up early and set off to find one. Unfortunately, he could not see a star anywhere.

So, he waited and he waited and he waited but no star appeared. Finally, just as the sun was going away, he saw a star.

First, the boy tried to jump up and grab it but he could not jump high enough. Next, he climbed to the top of the tallest tree but it was still too far away.

Then, he tried to lasso the star with the lifebelt, but the lifebelt was too heavy for him to carry.

After that, he thought he decided to fly up in his spaceship and grab the star, but his spaceship had run out of petrol.

Finally, he asked a seagull to fly up into the sky to reach his star, but the seagull didn't want to help him.

The boy thought he would never catch a star.

Just then, he noticed something floating in the water. It was the prettiest baby star he had ever seen. It must have fallen from the sky. He tried to fish it out with his hands, but he couldn't reach it. So, he waited and he waited and he waited and, finally, the star washed up on the bright golden sand.

The boy had caught a star. A star of his very own.