



Title: How to Catch a Star

Author/Illustrator: Oliver Jeffers

Age Range: 4-7

Topics/Themes: Not giving up, persistence

See video of this book read aloud here: [How to Catch a Star](#)

I. COMPONENTS OF BOOK (REVIEW EACH SESSION)

- Author, Illustrator (roles of each)
- Title; front and back covers; spine

II. INTRODUCTION (PREP QUESTIONS)

- Use the cover to predict what the story is about.
 - What do you see on the cover?
 - Is the story fiction, a make-believe? Or, is the story non-fiction, true information that gives you facts to explain something? Why do you think that?
- Use the title to predict what the story is about.
 - Do you think you can actually catch a star?

III. INTEGRATIVE STRATEGIES

a. During Reading:

- p.8 Why do you think the boy couldn't see the star at sunrise?

b. Post Reading:

- Conduct a picture walk with the students, recalling what happened in the story.
- Can you catch a star by....
 - (a) Jumping for it?
 - (b) Climbing the tallest tree for it?
 - (c) Throwing a life preserver around it?
- p. 22 Did the boy really see a star in the water? (talk about what a reflection is)
- p.28 At the end of the story what did the boy end up catching?
- Can you tell by some of the illustrations where the boy lives? (by the ocean)
- What do you think was the author's message to the reader? What did he want us to think about?
- If you were the boy in the story, how would you have tried to catch a star?
- If the boy didn't find the starfish in the sand do you think he would have continued to try to catch a star? Would you have?
- Why will he never be able to catch a star?