

A Cry for Ocean - Read and Discuss

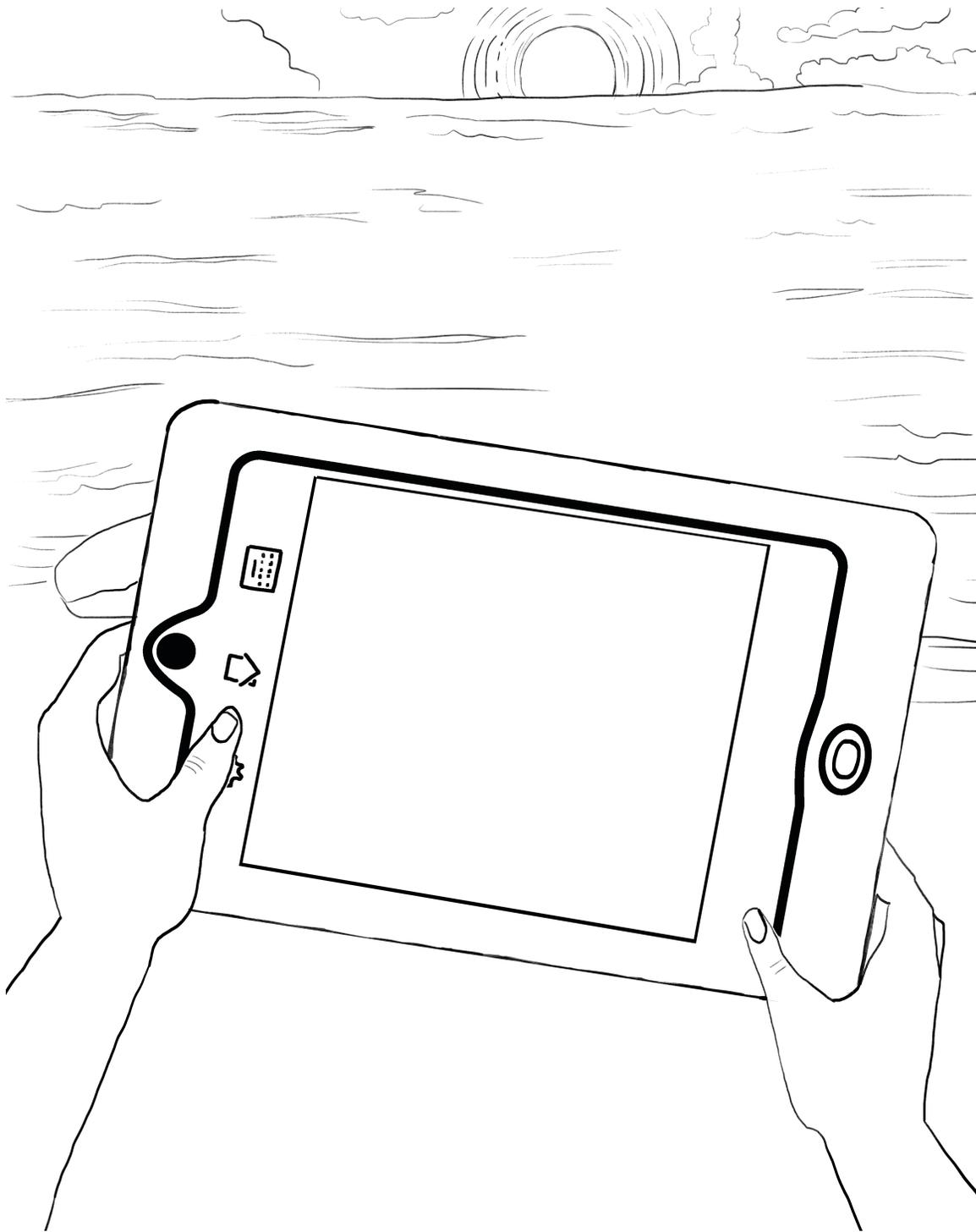
Read through the book together, asking questions throughout. Encourage the children to engage with the story, thinking about how the mermaid is feeling at the beginning and how Sukara is feeling as the story goes on.

- Start by looking at the cover together. What do you think the story will be about? Think about the characters, how do you think each of them is feeling?
- What do you think about the title, what do you think it means?
- What does Sukara think when she first sees the mermaid? What does she think when the mermaid explains why she is crying?
- Why is the mermaid crying?
- What does Sukara discover on her journey with the mermaid?
- How does Sukara feel after learning about the ocean and its challenges with plastic pollution?
- What effect does sharing the information she learns about the problem of plastic pollution have on her family?
- How does Sukara share what she knows with the world?
- Can you imagine the tears of the whole world like in the story?
- What can you do to help the ocean with the problem of plastic pollution?

A Cry for Ocean – Some Suggested Activities

- How to avoid using plastic? Using the sheet of everyday plastic, come up with alternatives that could be used instead.
- Video Activity: in the story Sukara makes a video telling the story of plastic pollution, what do you think she said? Come up with a script for the video. Or if there is something else you would like to tell people about choose an alternative subject and make a script for it. You can ask someone else to video it.
- Use the activity sheet to draw who is in your video and show them the other side of the camera in your picture.
- Standing up for ocean creatures and ending plastic pollution: What can you do to help the ocean? Are there people you could write to? Can you organise an assembly at school or make a poster to help other people make better choices about how much plastic they use. For example: can you help get single use plastic water bottles banned in your school?

| Plastic Item | Alternatives |
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|  <p data-bbox="378 474 667 583">Plastic water bottle</p> | |
|  <p data-bbox="399 758 695 879">Plastic bag for shopping</p> | |
|  <p data-bbox="407 1035 686 1157">Plastic straw for drinking</p> | |
|  <p data-bbox="443 1335 699 1444">Plastic toothbrush</p> | |



Video Maker - Draw a picture of a video you would like to make and show the actual things you are filming in front of the camera