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*Teacher Notes and Activities*

## The Little Old Man Who Looked Up At The Moon

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The little old man looked up at the moon. 'Does the sky go on forever and ever?' he asked. 'Where do we come from? Where do we go? Why are we here?'

In this touching story, one of Australia's most celebrated author-illustrators takes young readers on a journey that asks some of life's big questions. Playful and thought-provoking by turns, *The Little Old Man Who Looked Up at the Moon* touches on universal themes and will spark many a conversation between young and old.

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A wonderful book that will get the children thinking. We are sure it will encourage them to ask many more questions that are not so easily answered!

#### Themes:

- Questioning
- Thinking

#### Discussion Points:

- Before reading the story, look at the cover of the book. What do you think the old man is thinking about? Compile a list of the students responses and then compare them to the story after reading it.
- What do you think about when you look at the moon and the stars?
- Look at the pictures in the story. What do you notice about the animals in the story? Why do you think that they have been drawn in this way? What would have been the visual effect if they had been drawn differently?
- Of all the questions that the little old man wants answered, which one do you think is the hardest to answer? Is there an answer for these questions?
- What are some other tricky questions that you often ask or think about? Does anyone know the answer to them?
- Why is it important to ask questions?
- Recall which animal answered each of the questions the little old woman asked.
- Why do you think the little old woman went to find out the answers to the questions and not the little old man? How would you describe the relationship between them?

#### Activities:

- Choose a clear night to go outside with someone special in your life and look at the stars and the moon. You might like to just enjoy what you are looking at, or you may like to use this quiet time to ask a question that you have always wanted to know the answer to, or just talk with your special person about things going on your life.