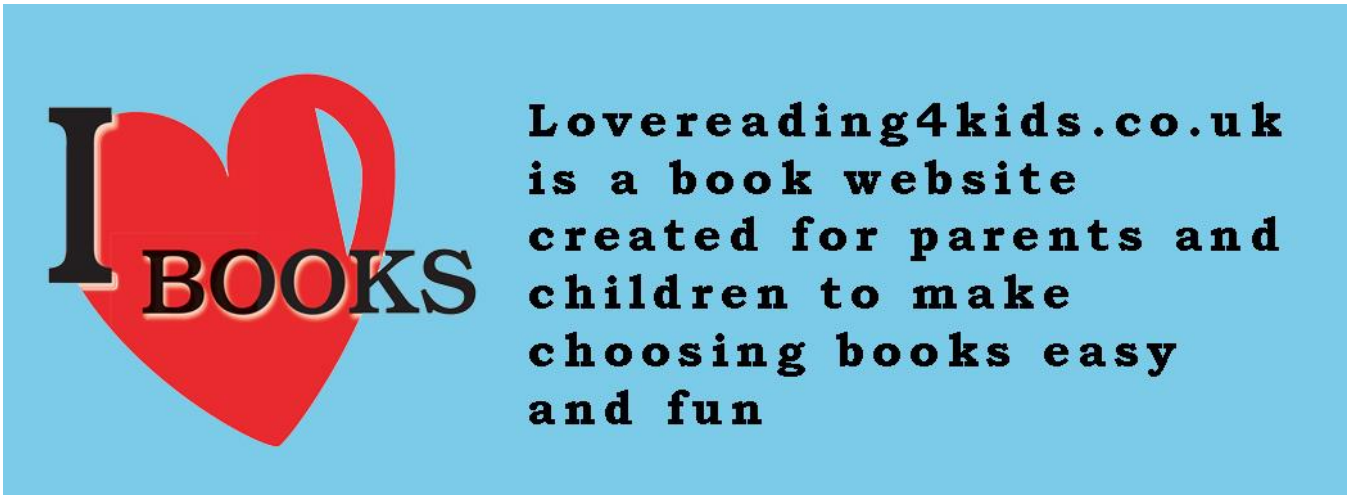

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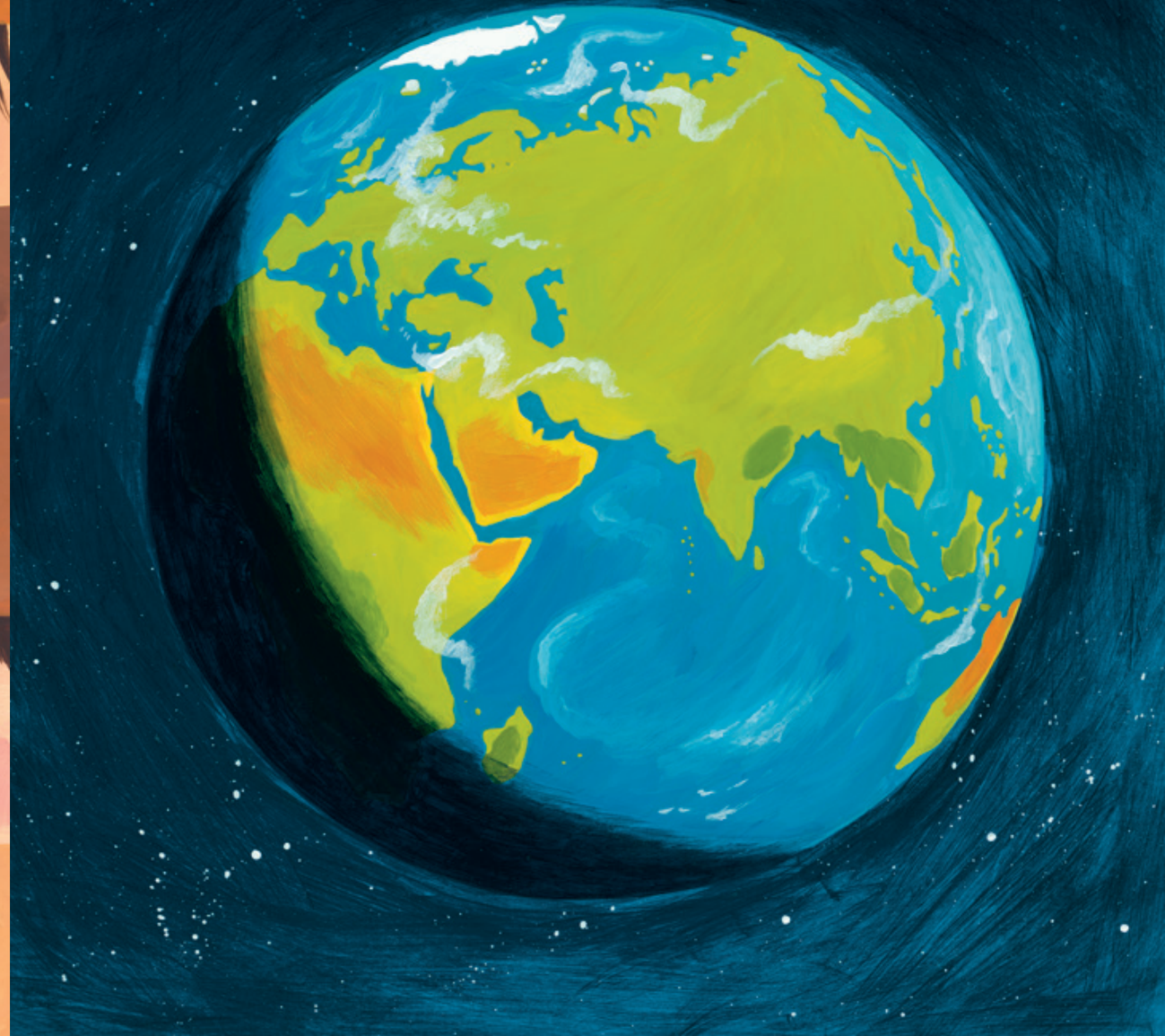



We are all somewhere. Where are you?

What can you see or hear or smell from where you are?

Most children live in families. Your family might be big or small.



You might be the only child in your family.
You might have lots of brothers, sisters or cousins.

Perhaps you have one parent, perhaps you have two.



Maybe you have foster parents or a stepfamily.

Some members of your family might live close by.



Maybe someone you love is far away.

We come in all different shapes and sizes
and hues, like jewels or flowers or fish.
Long legs, small hands, curly hair,
freckled skin, hazel eyes – no two people
have bodies that are just the same.



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