

## Come In, Come In

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After reading the book, point out how in the world of this book all is so different, but the character (boy/girl) knows that all are invited to come in. Being together is when happiness and friendship happens. Go through each page and ask your child to point to the animals and characters. Name who is invited (example: The Zebra and giraffe is invited to come in.)



- Who is in your neighborhood?
- Who do you encounter in the stores and the other places? School?

Welcoming and inviting is kindness. It is a way to share with others. What are ways we can make others feel welcome around us? (With a smile, kind words, etc.)

- Who may be feeling unwelcome? Who might feel left out? How can we invite them in?
- If your church does communion, the table in the story reminds us of communion and all are invited to God's table. Talk about what it means to be invited to God's table and communion in your church.

As your child ages, they understand feeling left out. Empathy is a strong tool in seeing others as God's beloved child. Ask if there are any children who might feel left out. Talk about ways your child can help them feel invited into their "world".