Beyond a story

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After reading a story, especially those on the environment, parents and teachers can help children raise several questions and answer them. In the process they will learn to make the connections between their lives, the lives of those around them, the immediate surroundings and the extended environment. Encourage children to examine issues arising from these questions. In the process they will understand themselves. Also encourage them to read different kinds of books about the world around them and about growing up.

Some of the questions that can be asked and discussed...

What kind of house do you live in?
What do you play with?
What are your special skills? How did you learn/acquire them?
What do you learn at school?
Describe a special day in your life.
What does your mother do? What does your father do?
What does/did your grandmother do?
What does/did your grandfather do?
What is the biggest environmental problem that affects you/your neighbourhood?
What old-fashioned ways/solutions help address the problem?
What modern technology helps address the same problem?
What do you dream of becoming when you grow up?
What will you do to make your dreams come true?
Make a chain of life, pinpointing your place in the cycle.

Thinking along these lines will help children understand how intricately human beings and their environment are connected. They will also realise how important it is to make these connections.

Here are some ideas for projects. You can think of many more!

Compile a story about yourself. Use words and pictures.
Write about someone else. Everyone has a story, not just the famous.
Thinking about the environment throws up many issues and ideas. Put together a project on a specific topic. You could also make a visual essay using photographs and pictures.

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