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Ollie the octopus lived in a colorful coral reef. Every day, he swam among bright fish and swaying seaweed. The reef was a happy place. Ollie loved to play with his friends, but there was one thing he wished he could do better: hugging.

One sunny day, Ollie saw his friend Tina the turtle giving big hugs. "Oh, I wish I could hug like that," Ollie sighed. His tentacles were long and wiggly, but how could he wrap them around his friends? He wanted to join in the fun, but he felt unsure.

Ollie decided to ask his friends for help. He swam over to Leo the lionfish. "How do you hug?" he asked. Leo smiled and said, "I give little pokes with my fins. That's how I hug!"

Next, Ollie went to see Bella the butterflyfish. She fluttered around gracefully and said, "I hug by swimming close to my friends. That makes them feel warm and loved!" Ollie listened carefully. Maybe there were many ways to hug.

Feeling inspired, Ollie thought about how he could use his own special way. He practiced wiggling his eight tentacles in fun patterns. They danced like ribbons in the water. Ollie felt excited!

The next day, Ollie invited all his friends to a big reef party. He remembered what they had taught him. As his friends came, Ollie waved his tentacles high in the water. "Welcome, everyone! I want to hug you all!" he called out joyfully.

Ollie swam around, twirling and swaying his tentacles around each friend. They giggled and smiled, feeling Ollie's warm hug. Ollie learned that hugging wasn't just about wrapping up tight; it was about sharing love in your own special way.

From that day on, Ollie was proud to hug his friends, just as they hugged him. Together, they created a happy reef full of joyful hugs, showing each other that love comes in many forms.