

# Kids on Life

**Mom: Oliver, it's 9:15. Why are you up?**

**Oliver: Well, have you ever thought about this ... that your life doesn't have a shape of its own?**

**M: What do you mean?**

**O: I was just thinking about the "Air and Water" poster, you know? And you know how**

**... how liquids and gases don't have a shape of their own?**

**M: Okay ...**

**O: Well, that's sort of like life. Those things—liquids and gases, I mean—take the shape of what's around them, and they can be big and spread out or small and squished.**

**M: Okay, go on ...**

So that's like our life because we take the shape of the things around us. And other people. Do you get it now?

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Drawing by Oliver V.

**M:** Yes, I think I do. That's pretty profound, Buddy. I think our life does have its own shape though; maybe it's more like clay than a liquid or a gas. But can

**you please  
go to sleep now,  
and maybe  
we can think  
about life  
tomorrow?**

**Scapegoat: Architecture, Landscape, Political Economy**

**O: Well, I  
guess I am in  
bed, so maybe  
I can take the  
shape of sleep-  
ing. Haha!**