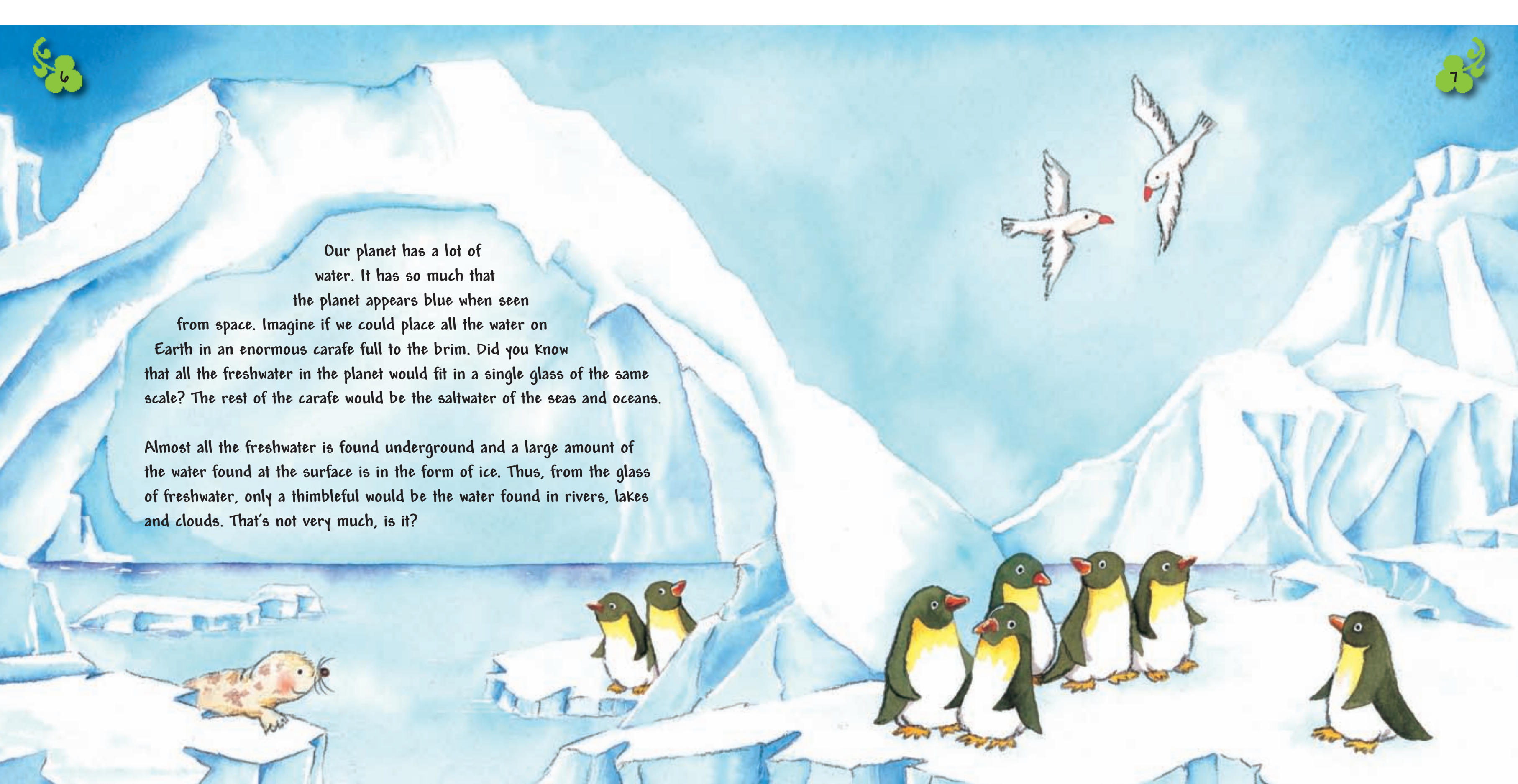




Our planet has a lot of water. It has so much that the planet appears blue when seen from space. Imagine if we could place all the water on Earth in an enormous carafe full to the brim. Did you know that all the freshwater in the planet would fit in a single glass of the same scale? The rest of the carafe would be the saltwater of the seas and oceans.

Almost all the freshwater is found underground and a large amount of the water found at the surface is in the form of ice. Thus, from the glass of freshwater, only a thimbleful would be the water found in rivers, lakes and clouds. That's not very much, is it?







As you can see, water is a treasure. It takes a lot of effort to obtain it, but it gets dirty quickly. If we throw rubbish into it, it becomes polluted immediately and can ruin the environment. You have to be very careful.

Even when we don't do anything bad, every time we use it, we dirty it and it cannot be reused. Can you imagine if you had to drink water from the drains? Ugh! How disgusting!







And when you don't need to use water, you still need to be careful! At home, it is better to take oils, paints and other highly contaminating wastes to a recycling point (green point).

Remember that the toilet is not a rubbish bin! If you go to the river or the beach, don't leave your rubbish there. Take it home. You can take a bag with you to put the rubbish in. Did you know that the smallest piece of plastic or tin can harm the animals that live there?

