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This is a counting book with a difference. The opening pages reveal a family escaping war and danger. We are invited to imagine what this might be like and reassured all will be well - because of the kindness of strangers. The family's journey is structured in the form of a one to ten of kindnesses, from two hands pulling them to safety aboard a boat to ten new friends made in a new land.

The warmth of the beautiful Illustrations by acclaimed picturebook maker Barroux enhance the simple text enabling young readers to follow the journey of this refugee family and encouraging them to join in with the counting. Additional details within the illustrations provide further learning opportunities including sequencing number one to ten and the days of the week.

Endorsed by **Amnesty International**, this book would be a gentle introduction to the plight of refugee children for the very young. It could provide the perfect starting point for conversations about this important topic in educational settings and at home. The final page poses the question 'How many ways can you think of to be kind??' encouraging discussion of simple ways to extend a hand of friendship and help to those seeking asylum. Key facts are included in the back of the book and a list of organisations offering help.

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