

# ***If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter...***

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**If the Earth  
were only a few feet in diameter,  
floating a few feet above a field somewhere,  
people would come from everywhere to marvel  
at it. People would walk around it marvelling at its  
big pools of water, its little pools, and the water flowing  
between. People would marvel at the bumps on it and the  
holes in it. They would marvel at the very thin layer of gas  
surrounding it and the water suspended in the gas. The people  
would marvel at all the creatures walking around the surface of  
the ball and at the creatures in the water. The people would  
declare it as sacred because it was the only one, and they would  
protect it so that it would not be hurt. The ball would be the  
greatest wonder known, and people would come to it  
to be healed, to gain knowledge, to know beauty, and to  
wonder how it could be. People would love it and defend  
it with their lives because they would somehow  
know that their lives could be nothing  
without it. If the Earth were only  
a few feet in diameter.**