

ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

A Guide for Teachers and Parents

Princess Bahati



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THEMES

Environmental awareness

Climate adaptation

Youth leadership

Water conservation

Innovation and problem-solving

LEARNING OUTCOME

- Understand the importance of conserving water and preparing for climate variability.
- Learn how rainwater harvesting can be a practical solution during droughts.
- Recognize that even young people can contribute meaningful ideas.
- Appreciate the value of listening to different perspectives, including those of children.
- Be inspired to think creatively about solving local environmental challenges.

LESSON PLAN

This lesson explores how innovation, planning, and environmental awareness can offer real solutions to climate challenges. It encourages discussions on water use, sustainability, and the role of youth—especially girls—in leadership.

Discussion Questions

Before Reading:

- Have you heard of places that do not get enough rain? What happens there?
- Why is water important for a community?
- What kind of things could we do to save water?

During Reading:

- What are the effects of the drought in Princess Bahati's kingdom?
- How do the King's ministers respond to the problem?
- What makes Princess Bahati's idea different?
- How do the people react to her suggestion?

After Reading:

- Do you think her plan was realistic? Why or why not?
- How might your own school or home save rainwater?
- Why is it important to listen to young voices, even in big decisions?
- What do you think the kingdom learned from this experience?

LESSON PLAN

Activities:

- Draw Your Own Water-Saving Plan: Children design a simple rainwater harvesting system for their school or home.
- Science Activity: Set up a mini water collection experiment using jars to show how rainwater harvesting works.
- Poster Creation: Make a poster with water-saving tips for the classroom or home.

RECOMMENDED ZAMASAMA BOOKS

Jadav and the Tree Place

The River Warrior

RELEVANT SDGS

- SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation – Promotes access to water and sustainable water management.
- SDG 13: Climate Action – Addresses adaptation to environmental challenges like drought.
- SDG 5: Gender Equality – Highlights the leadership role of a young girl offering viable solutions.

SDG Explanation

The story introduces children to the real-world challenges of water scarcity and climate change (SDG 6 & 13). It showcases how girls, too, can be visionary leaders and agents of change (SDG 5).

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Become more mindful about how water is used and where it comes from.
- Be empowered to take initiative and voice ideas.
- Begin to see themselves as problem-solvers and environmental stewards.

ABOUT ZAMASAMA

Zamasama is a nonprofit platform that brings together stories from around the world to help children discover that beneath our differences—of culture, language, or belief—we share the same hopes, joys, and dreams.

Today's children are tomorrow's citizens, and the responsibility of building a more peaceful, tolerant, and empathetic world lies with them.

That's why it's vital to instill these values early—through stories that help them rise above the biases they inherit, and see diversity as a strength that unites us all.