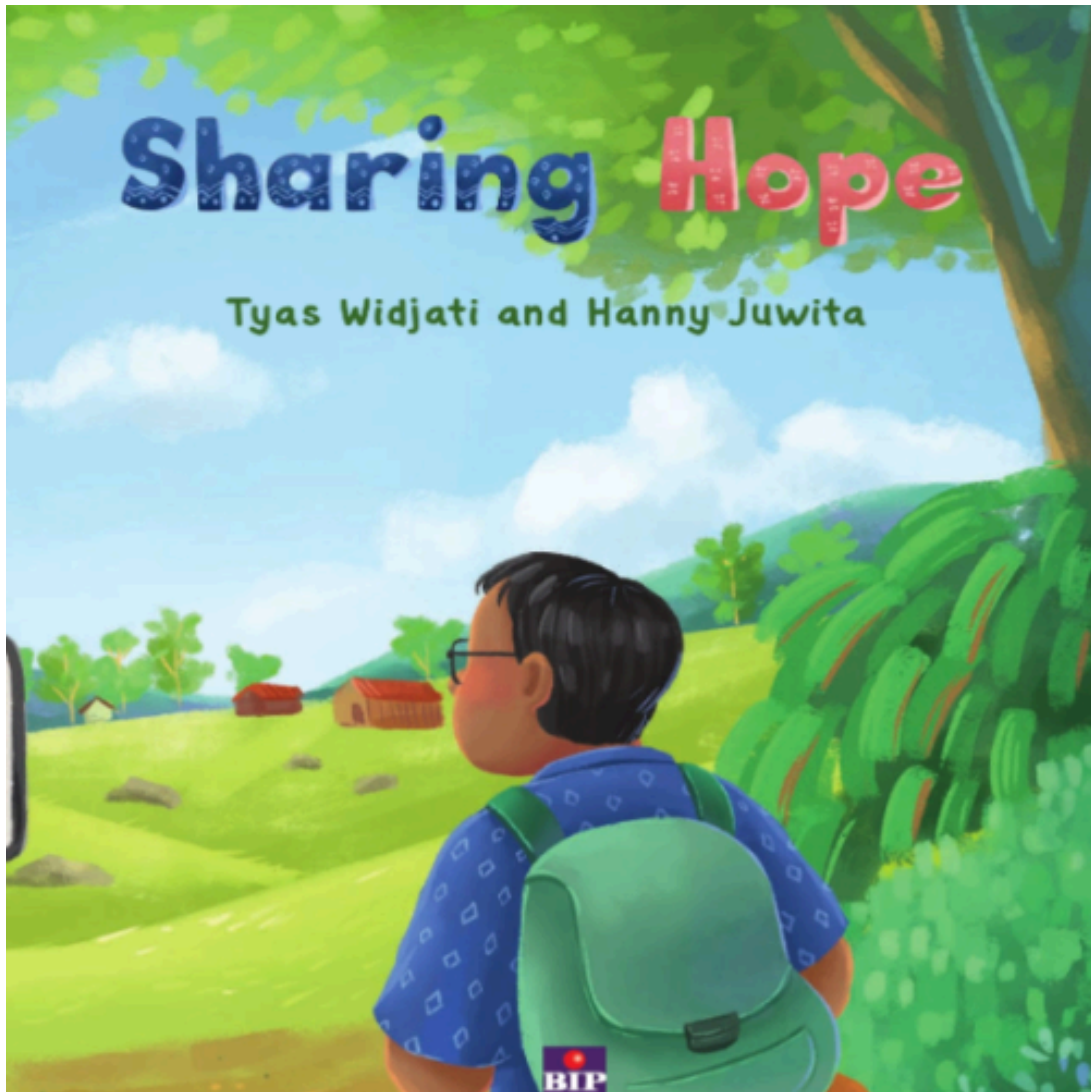


# ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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## THEMES

Empathy

Literacy

Social Good

Determination

Youth Leadership

Change-making

Volunteering

# LEARNING OUTCOME

Students will understand how individual initiative can transform lives and communities. They will reflect on the role of youth in creating change and learn that compassion and action are universal values

## LESSON PLAN

A story-based discussion about literacy, followed by reflection activities that invite students to consider their own role in supporting others, and understanding the global importance of access to education.

### Discussion Questions

#### Before Reading:

- What does literacy mean to you?
- Why do you think reading and writing are important?

#### During Reading:

- How did Alvian's life change after his family tragedy?
- What obstacles did he and his friends face in their mission?

#### After Reading:

- How do you think children feel when they have to leave school or cannot study?
- How can young people help others learn?
- Do you know anyone who is working to make the world a better place, whether in your neighbourhood, country or anywhere in the world? What must be their motivation to give of themselves to work for the greater good?

#### Activities:

- Write Your Why: Students write a paragraph on why they believe literacy is important for everyone.
- Support a Cause: Research and present one organization that supports children's literacy around the world. Discuss how students might support it.
- Locate Borneo: Use a world map to find Indonesia and Borneo. Talk about what it might be like to travel across forests and rivers to teach.
- Empathy Circle: Create a circle time where students reflect on how they would feel if they couldn't go to school or read.

## RECOMMENDED ZAMASAMA BOOKS

- [The River Warrior](#) – A tale of environmental action in Indonesia
- [Sindiwe and the Fireflies](#) – An inspiring South African changemaker story
- [Graca's Dream](#) – About education and leadership in Mozambique
- [A Tiny Seed](#) – The start of something big through small beginnings
- [Luftan and Monsters](#) – Tackling clean water and environmental health
- [The Electronic Waste Hero](#) – A tech-focused activism story for children
- [Jadav and the Tree Place](#)
- [Bye-Bye Plastic Bags](#)

## RELEVANT SDGS

Applicable SDGs:

- SDG 4 – Quality Education
- SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals

### SDG Explanation

- SDG 4: Focuses on ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education—central to Alvian's mission.
- SDG 10: Promotes equal opportunities, which Alvian supports by bringing literacy to underprivileged communities.
- SDG 17: Highlights partnerships—reflected in how Alvian and his friends worked together for impact.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Students will recognize that change can begin with them. They will feel inspired by real-life stories of youth leadership and understand how sharing, caring, and valuing diversity can make the world a better place.

## 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.