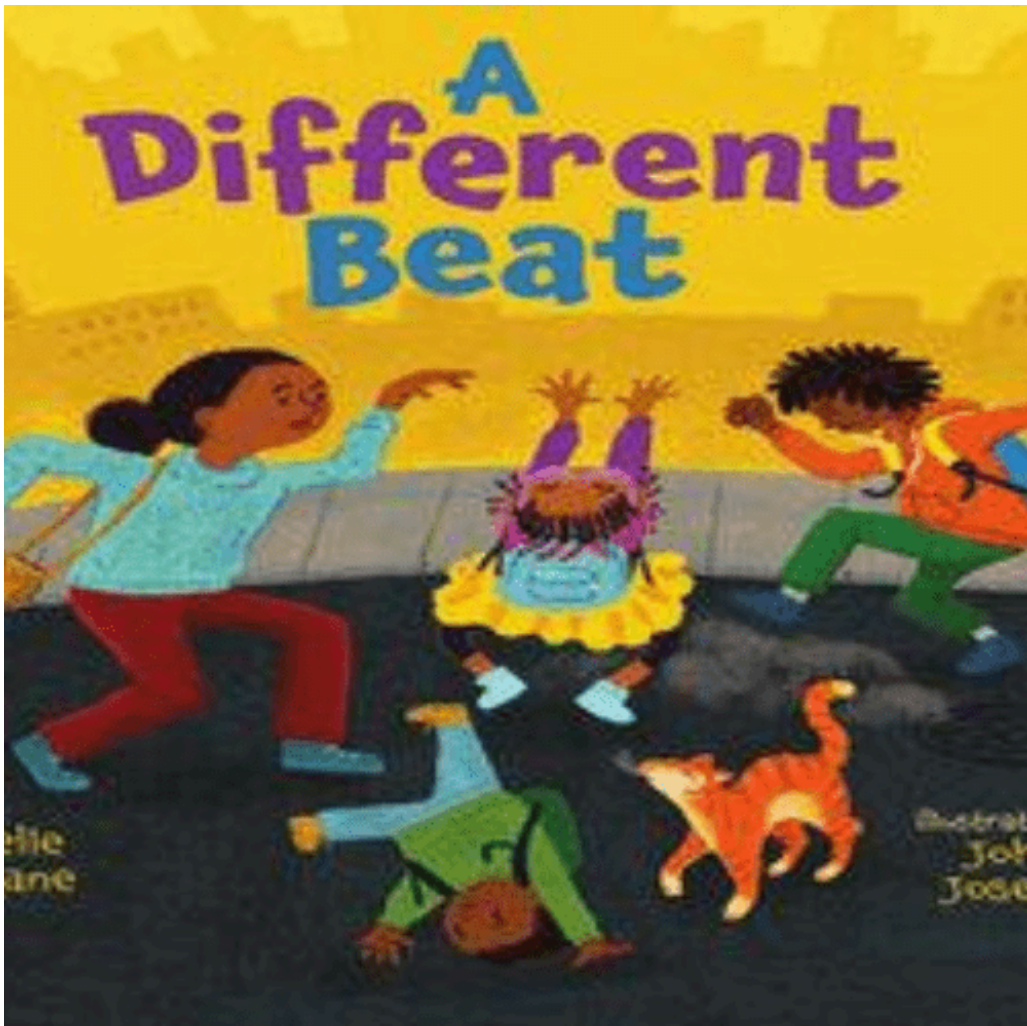


# ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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## THEMES

Health & Wellbeing

Displacement

Family Bonds

Inclusion

Empathy and kindness

Hope in adversity

Homelessness and poverty

# LEARNING OUTCOME

- Understand the impact of homelessness on children.
- Recognize global housing insecurity and its effect on education.
- Reflect on social exclusion and bullying due to poverty.
- Cultivate empathy and respect for all peers.
- Inspire strength and hope in children facing hardship.

## LESSON PLAN

Introduce the topic of homelessness with care and sensitivity. Use the story as a window into the daily life of a child who is experiencing housing insecurity. Prompt students to think deeply about the role of empathy, kindness, and how hard it is to keep going when your life is turned upside down.

### Discussion Questions

#### Before Reading:

- Have you ever thought about what it would be like not to have a home?
- Why do you think people might have to live in shelters?
- How do you think children feel when their lives suddenly change this way?

#### During Reading:

- How do the children in the story try to stay strong?
- What does the mother do to keep hope alive for her family?
- Do you notice how the children are treated by others around them?

#### After Reading:

- What are some reasons children might be left out or teased in school?
- How do you think it feels to be called names or treated unfairly just because you're poor?
- What can we do to be kinder and more supportive friends?

#### Activities:

- Empathy Role-Play
- Art for Hope
- Write a Journal Entry
- Global Reflection

## RELEVANT ZAMASAMA STORIES

- [Rent Party Jazz](#)
- [Sharing Hope](#)
- [The Strong Woman is My Mother](#)

## RELEVANT SDGS

Applicable SDGs:

- SDG 1: No Poverty
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

### SDG Explanation

- SDG 1: Highlights the impact of poverty and unemployment on families.
- SDG 10: Focuses on social exclusion and peer discrimination faced by homeless children.
- SDG 16: Promotes empathy, fairness, and inclusion for all children.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Students will come away with a better understanding of the often-hidden struggles of children who experience homelessness and poverty. They will develop a greater capacity for empathy, learn how to challenge bullying or exclusion, and be reminded that all children deserve kindness and dignity—no matter their circumstances.

## 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.