

ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



Written by Wafa T. Qusous

Illustrated by Kamil Adil

THEMES

Community

Displacement

SEL

Peace & Conflict Resolution

LEARNING OUTCOME

Children will:

- Understand the emotional and social impact of war on children and families.
- Learn how hope and peaceful thinking can become powerful tools of change.
- Explore how even small voices—like Samer’s—can carry important messages.
- Be encouraged to value peace, cooperation, and nonviolence.

LESSON PLAN

Use this story to introduce children to the idea that peace begins with individuals—and even children can be peacebuilders.

Discussion Questions

Before Reading:

- What do you think war feels like for children?
- What would you send on a plane if it could deliver peace?

During Reading:

- How does Samer feel about the planes flying overhead?
- What does he wish people would do instead of fighting?
- Why do you think he chooses to act with love?

After Reading:

- What can we learn from Samer’s idea?
- Can children help change the world? How?
- How can you spread peace in your family or classroom?

Activities:

- **Peace Plane Parade:** Children decorate paper airplanes with drawings and short messages of love, hope, or kindness. These can be suspended around the classroom like a sky of peace messages.
- **Circle of Peace:** Children stand in a circle holding hands. Each child takes a turn sharing one kind or peaceful word. Together, they agree on a classroom 'Peace Pact': 'When there’s a disagreement or fight, we will use words of love and try to understand each other.'
- **Peace Posters(Optional):** Provide pre-cut heart or dove shapes for children to glue onto a shared class poster with their names and peaceful messages.

RELEVANT ZAMASAMA STORIES

- Two Homes in Omar’s Heart
- The Unexpected Friend
- The Artist
- A Friend for All

RELEVANT SDGS

Applicable SDGs:

- SDG 4 – Quality Education
- SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SDG Explanation

- SDG 4 is supported through storytelling that fosters empathy and global citizenship.
- SDG 10 highlights the unequal impact of war and displacement on children.
- SDG 16 connects to the child’s call for peaceful dialogue and justice.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Children will empathize with those affected by conflict and understand the importance of choosing kindness and peace. They’ll be empowered to believe that even small voices matter in building a better world.

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.