

# ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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## THEMES

Gender equality

Racial equity

Dreams and ambition

Resilience and persistence

Historical barriers and breaking them

Sports as a vehicle for inclusion

# LEARNING OUTCOME

Children will:

- Learn about Marcenia Lyle’s real-life journey and the historical obstacles she faced.
- Reflect on how gender and racial biases affect opportunities.
- Be inspired to pursue their own passions, no matter the barriers.
- Identify values like perseverance, determination, and fairness.

## LESSON PLAN

Explore the power of pursuing dreams despite societal bias. Discuss how children today can stand up for fairness and follow their dreams.

### Discussion Questions

#### Before Reading:

- What sport or hobby do you love?
- Have you ever been told you couldn’t do something because of who you are?

#### During Reading:

- What does Marcenia do that surprises the boys?
- Why do people think she shouldn’t play baseball?
- How does she prove them wrong?

#### After Reading:

- What obstacles did Marcenia face?
- How did she respond to people who doubted her?
- How can you stand up for your dreams?
- Can you think of other ways people are treated unfairly because of gender, race, or disability?

#### Activities:

- Bias Breaker Brainstorm
- Courage Chain
- Dream Poster
- “Catch Your Dream” Glove

## RELEVANT ZAMASAMA STORIES

- [As Fast as Words Can Fly](#)
- [Zanele Situ](#)
- [The Strong Woman is My Mother](#)
- [White Socks Only](#)

## RELEVANT SDGS

Applicable SDGs:

- SDG 5: Gender Equality
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

### SDG Explanation

- SDG 5: The story challenges stereotypes around what girls can do and encourages equal opportunities.
- SDG 10: It addresses racial and gender biases that limit access and celebrates those who break barriers.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Children will:

- Understand how biases around gender, race, and ability affect opportunity.
- Reflect on their own potential to push past barriers.
- Be motivated by stories of real-life changemakers.
- Recognize the importance of equity and the role of perseverance.

## 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.