

ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

Culture & Tradition

Community

Family & Friends

Traditional crafts

Intergenerational learning

Livelihoods

Pottery

Folk art (Madhubani)

LEARNING OUTCOME

Children will:

- Learn about pottery as a traditional art and livelihood.
- Understand how cultural knowledge is passed down through generations.
- Appreciate the beauty and labor behind everyday handmade objects.
- Build curiosity about how things are made in different parts of the world.

LESSON PLAN

This story can introduce children to traditional crafts, folk art, and intergenerational skill-building, highlighting pride in cultural work.

Discussion Questions

Before Reading:

- Have you ever seen someone make something with their hands?
- What do you know about pottery or clay work?
- Do you help your parents or grandparents with any tasks?

During Reading:

- What steps are involved in making a pot?
- How does Manu feel about learning from his father?
- What do the illustrations remind you of?

After Reading:

- What is something you’ve learned from a parent or grandparent?
- Why do you think making pots is both hard and joyful?
- What makes handmade things special?

Activities:

- Clay Craft Session: Let children shape a small pot or animal from clay or playdough.
- Folk Art Exploration: Introduce Madhubani art and have children color or design in similar style.
- My Family’s Skills Chart: Children interview family members about skills/trades they know.
- Market Math: Create a role-play activity selling pots in a market and counting earnings.

RELEVANT ZAMASAMA STORIES

- [Angmo's Yak](#) – Rural traditions and livelihood in Ladakh.
- [Dancing on Walls](#) – Tribal lifestyle and folk art (Warli)
- [A Fish and A Gift](#) – Family love & caring, livelihoods.

RELEVANT SDGS

Applicable SDGs:

- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

SDG Explanation

- SDG 8 is reflected in the value and dignity of traditional livelihoods like pottery.
- SDG 12 promotes the appreciation of sustainable, handmade crafts and rural artisanship.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Children will build respect for cultural traditions and handmade crafts, recognize the skills behind everyday items, and feel pride in their own family's unique knowledge.

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.