ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

A Guide for Teachers and Parents

Langutani's Trick



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THEMES

Culture & Tradition

Problem-solving

Farm life and rural childhood

Animal-human interaction

LEARNING OUTCOME

Children will be able to:

- Understand that even young children can solve problems.
- Explore how nature and animals impact farm life.
- Recognize that good ideas can come from anywhere—city or village.
- Use their own creativity to imagine solutions.
- Learn to listen, collaborate, and share ideas.

LESSON PLAN

Use this story to encourage laughter, discussion, and a sense of capability among young children. Let them feel their ideas matter!

Discussion Questions

Before Reading:

- What would you do if animals kept eating your food?
- Have you ever come up with an idea to solve a problem?

During Reading:

- What are the baboons doing?
- What ideas do Langutani and his father try?
- What do YOU think Langutani could try to stop the baboons? (List and applaud children's suggestions!)

After Reading:

- What made Langutani's idea work?
- How do you think his father felt?
- Can kids be great problem solvers too?

Activities:

- Act It Out: Pretend to be baboons and Langutani—make it funny and fun!
- Idea Box: Children draw or write a solution to a problem they face at home or school.
- Poster Power: Create posters titled "My Big Idea!" with drawings of themselves as problem solvers.
- Link it: Discuss the story of Beti's Bulldozer. How did she help solve a construction issue? What skill did she use?

RELEVANT ZAMASAMA STORIES

- Beti's Bulldozer
- Noon Chai and a Story

RELEVANT SDGS

Applicable SDGs:

- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

SDG Explanation

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- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Children feel empowered to share their thoughts.
- Build confidence in idea-sharing and creative thinking.
- Understand rural life and local problem-solving.
- See themselves as change-makers.

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.