# **ZAMASAMA PRESENTS**

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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# **THEMES**

STEAM Creativity Storytelling Story Writing and Publishing

**Books & Reading** 

# **LEARNING OUTCOME**

#### Children will:

- Appreciate the effort that goes into writing and making a book
- Be inspired to write or illustrate their own stories
- Understand that mistakes and effort are part of the creative process
- Strengthen language, storytelling, and visual expression skills
- Develop pride and ownership in sharing their thoughts

#### **LESSON PLAN**

This lesson sparks imagination through reading and story-making. It builds storytelling confidence and shows children that their ideas are worth telling.

## **Discussion Questions**

#### **Before Reading:**

- What's your favorite book?
- Have you ever thought about making your own story?
- What do you think is needed to create a book?

## **During Reading:**

- Pause when Ary struggles—ask: What would you do?
- Ask: What parts of book-making seem fun? What parts are hard?

### **After Reading:**

- Why did Ary want to make her own book?
- What did she find difficult or surprising?
- How do you think she felt when she finished?
- What kind of book would you like to create?

#### **Activities:**

- Make-a-Book: Children create a small folded book with a title, author, and illustrations.
- My Story Wall: Students write one short sentence and draw a picture, forming a collaborative class book.
- Book Creators Interview: Imagine you're a book character—what would you say in your story?

### **RELEVANT ZAMASAMA STORIES**

- Noon Chai and a Story
- Abdul's Story

### **RELEVANT SDGS**

Applicable SDGs:

• SDG 4: Quality Education

## **SDG Explanation**

• SDG 4: Promotes literacy, creativity, and appreciation for learning through storytelling and self-expression.

### **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

Children will develop storytelling confidence, appreciate the effort behind books, and feel inspired to become creators themselves.

# **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.