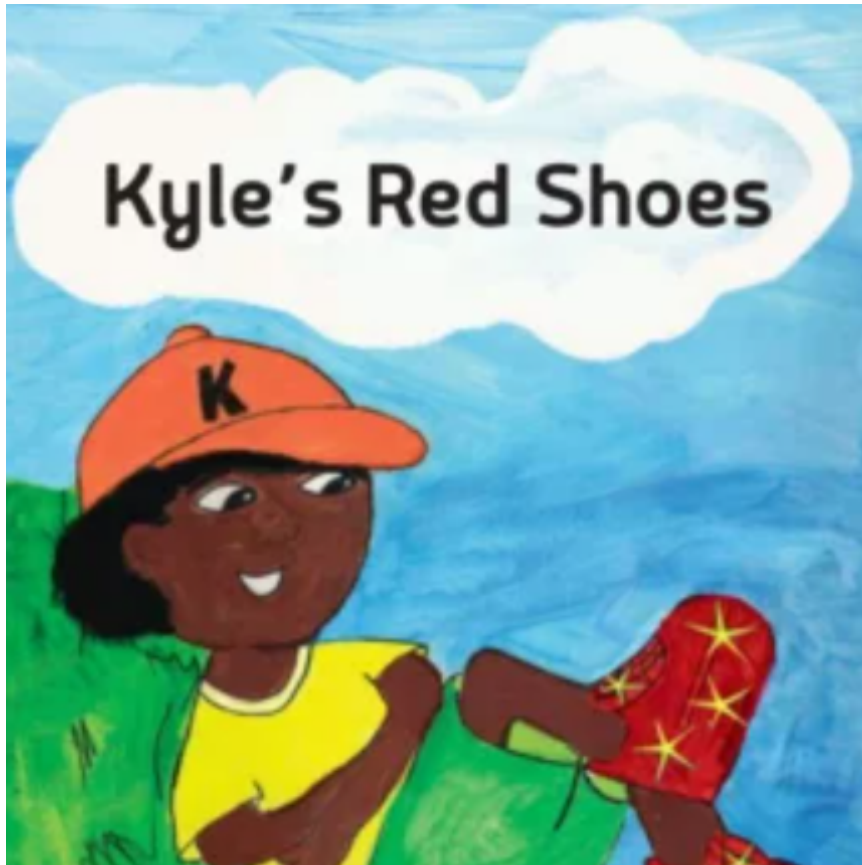


ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

Social & Emotional Learning (SEL)

Community

generosity

caring & sharing

natural disasters

LEARNING OUTCOME

Children will:

- Reflect on the value of giving and selflessness
- Understand how natural disasters impact others’ lives
- Build empathy for others going through difficult times
- Appreciate the importance of community action and support

LESSON PLAN

This lesson nurtures empathy, community consciousness, and generosity in children, using Kyle’s shoes as a metaphor for emotional choices.

Discussion Questions

Before Reading:

- Do you have a favorite thing that’s special to you? Would you be willing to part with it?
- What do you think happens when a hurricane hits a place?
- Have you ever helped someone in need?

During Reading:

- Pause when Kyle hears about the island—ask: What would you feel in his place?
- Ask: Why are his red shoes important to him?

After Reading:

- What made Kyle think about giving his shoes?
- How did he feel before and after deciding?
- What does this story teach us about giving?
- What would you have done in Kyle’s place?

Activities:

- Kindness Circle: Each child shares one thing they’d be willing to give to someone in need.
- Draw & Tell: Illustrate something precious and write why it’s meaningful.
- Community Care Box: Create a classroom “donation” box for gently used items to donate locally.

RELEVANT SDGS

Applicable SDGs:

- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG 13: Climate Action

SDG Explanation

- SDG 10: Encourages equity and empathy through shared human experience.
- SDG 11: Highlights how communities respond to disasters with care and resilience.
- SDG 13: Builds awareness of climate events like hurricanes and their human impact.

RELEVANT ZAMASAMA STORIES

- A Fish and a Gift – the emotional power of small, heartfelt gifts
- Sharing Hope – Alvian and his friends use their own savings to bring books and literacy to remote villages, one hopeful step at a time.
- Mukand and Riaz -- as Partition divides their world, Mukand parts with his favorite cap—his last gift to Riaz—as the ship sails for India.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Children will demonstrate a greater sense of compassion and be able to articulate why generosity and shared responsibility matter in times of crisis.

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.