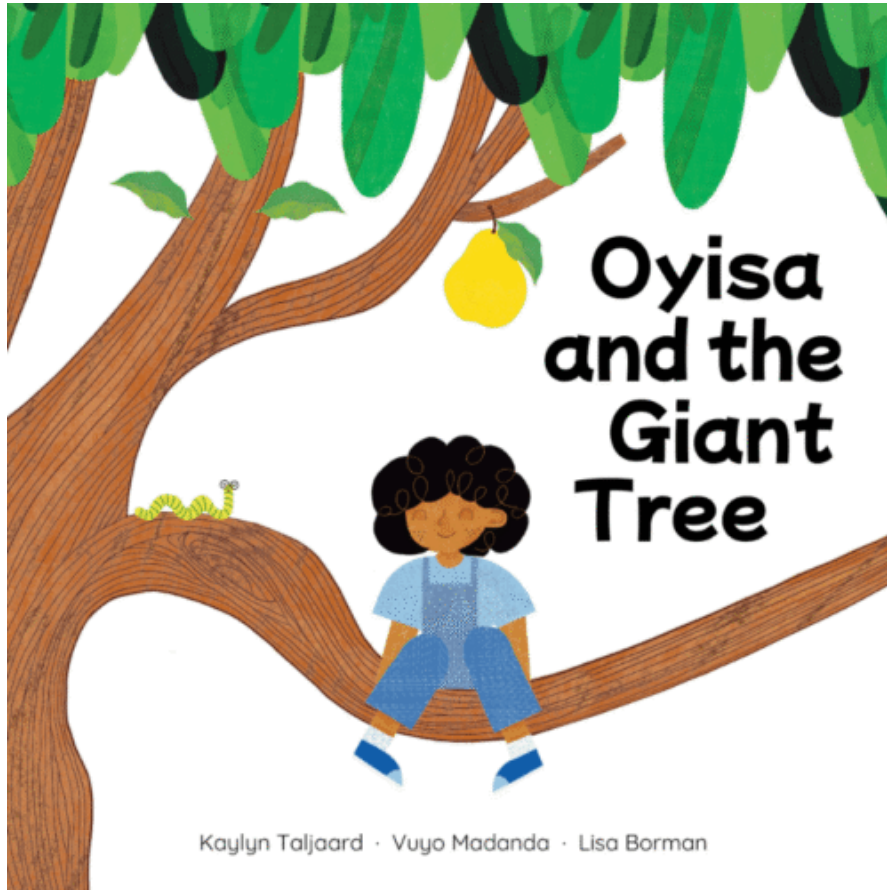


ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

Environment & Conservation

Family & Friends

curiosity

patience

nurturing nature

growth and discovery

LEARNING OUTCOME

Children will:

- Understand that small actions (like planting a seed) can grow into something big and beautiful.
- Appreciate how nature thrives when we nurture it.
- Learn patience and care through tending to plants.
- Begin to connect their own initiative of planting seeds to global values of caring for the earth.
- Recognize that children everywhere feel joy in helping life grow, building empathy and a sense of shared humanity (pluralism).

LESSON PLAN

This lesson helps young learners appreciate the power of small beginnings, patience, and care for nature.

Discussion Questions

Before Reading:

- Have you ever planted a seed or helped care for a plant?
- What do you think a seed needs to grow?
- How do you feel when you see something you cared for grow big and strong?

During Reading:

- Pause when Oyisa plants the seed: What do you think will happen next?
- Ask: Why does Oyisa care about this tiny seed?

After Reading:

- What helped Oyisa’s seed grow?
- How did Oyisa feel when the tree got big?
- What can we do to take care of the plants and trees around us?
- How do you think kids in other parts of the world must feel when they grow something special?

Activities:

- Seed Jar Experiment: Plant seeds in a clear jar to watch roots grow.
- Patience Calendar: Track the plant’s growth over time.
- Kindness Tree: Each child adds a leaf with a caring action they’ve done.

Curriculum Alignment: Grandpa Farouk’s Garden

Horizontal Alignment (Ages 3–5, Similar Themes)

- Oyisa and the Giant Tree – Discovering the magic of seeds and patience.
- A Very Important Tree – Protecting a tree and its bird’s nest.
- My Little Garden – Caring for plants and understanding growth.
- Ouma’s Amazing Flowers – Celebrating the diversity of flowers.

Vertical Alignment (Progression of Themes Across Ages)

Ages 3–5

- Oyisa and the Giant Tree – Magic of seeds and patience.
- A Very Important Tree – Protecting nature’s balance.
- My Little Garden – Learning to care for plants.
- Ouma’s Amazing Flowers – Diversity and beauty in flowers.

Ages 5–8

- Grandpa Farouk’s Garden – Pollination and healthy gardens.
- Jadav and the Tree-Place – Reforestation through determination.

Ages 8–10

- The Big Dreamer – Planting mangroves to protect coastlines.
- The Tale of the Water Hyacinth – Solving environmental challenges creatively.
- A Tiny Seed – Transformation through one seed.

Ages 10–12

RELEVANT SDGS

Applicable SDGs:

- SDG 4: Quality Education – Encourages curiosity and foundational science learning.
- SDG 13: Climate Action – Helps children appreciate planting and caring for the earth.
- SDG 15: Life on Land – Highlights protecting and nurturing plants and biodiversity.

SDG Explanation

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Children will:

- Value patience and nurturing.
- Develop early respect for nature and how small efforts grow into big impact.
- See that children everywhere share the same joy in caring for living things.



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.

