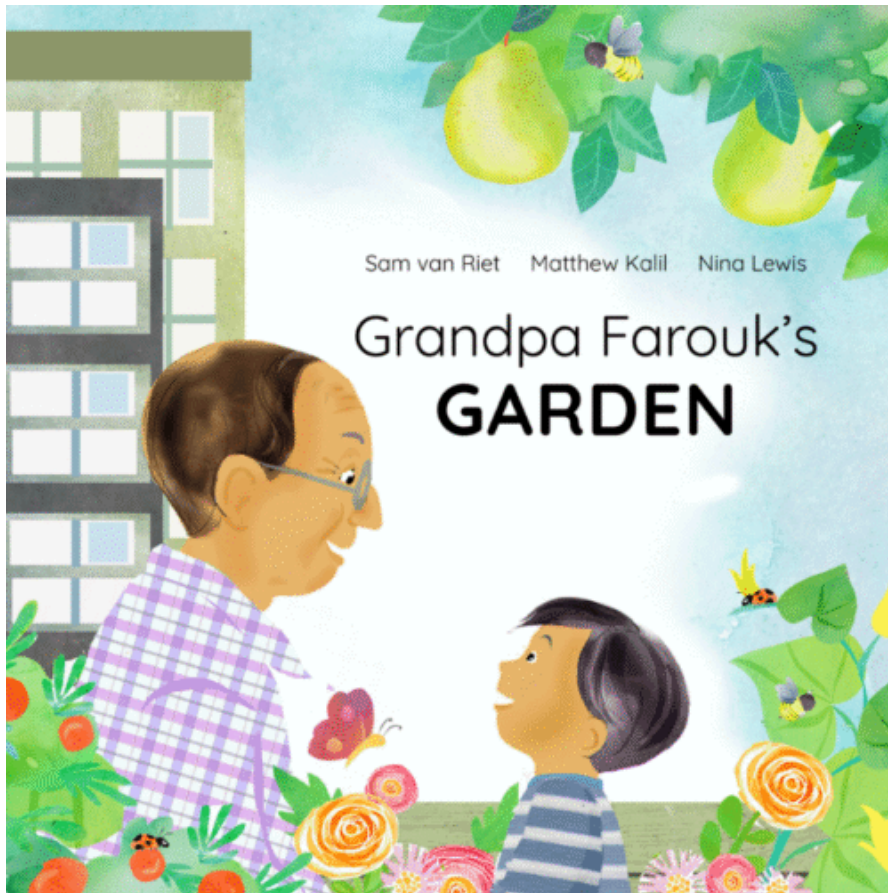


Grandpa Farouk's Garden

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

Community

Family & Friends

Environment & Conservation

SUB-THEMES

Intergenerational wisdom

Gardening

Pollination

Story Discussion Guide

- Learn how insects keep plants healthy.
- Appreciate interdependence between humans, plants, and animals.
- Respect nature through observation and care.
- Value wisdom passed down between generations.
- Internalize Zamasama's value of One Common Humanity.

Lesson plan

Learning Outcome

Before Reading:

- Discuss what grows in gardens. Ask if children have seen insects on flowers

During Reading :

- Pause to ask why insects are important.

After Reading–

- Explore what might happen if there were no insects

Activities:

- Draw a garden with insects.
- Observation walk: note plants, flowers, and insects nearby.
- Pollination role-play: children act as bees moving “pollen” between flowers.

Expected Outcomes

- Recognize that insects are vital for healthy ecosystems.
- Appreciate nature's diversity and interdependence.
- Understand Zamasama's message: We share one planet and one common humanity.

Curriculum Alignment:

Horizontal Alignment (Ages 5–8, Similar Themes)

- Ouma's Amazing Flowers – Celebrating diversity of flowers.
- My Little Garden – Caring for plants.
- Grandpa Farouk's Garden – Insects keep plants healthy.
- A Tiny Seed – How one seed can transform a landscape.
- Jadav and the Tree-Place – Inspiring reforestation.

Vertical Alignment (Progression of Themes Across Ages)

3-5 years:

- Ouma's Amazing Flowers – Diversity of flowers.
- A Very Important Tree – Protecting a tree and its bird's nest.
- My Little Garden – Growing and nurturing plants.
- Oyisa and the Giant Tree – Magic of seeds.

5-8 years:

- Grandpa Farouk's Garden – Pollination and healthy gardens.
- A Tiny Seed – A seed transforming a landscape.
- Jadav and the Tree-Place – Reforestation through determination. ds.

8-10 years:

- Grandpa Farouk's Garden – Pollination and healthy gardens.
- A Tiny Seed – A seed transforming a landscape.
- Jadav and the Tree-Place – Reforestation through determination.

Applicable SDGs

- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG 13: Climate Action
- SDG 15: Life on Land

SDG Explanation

- The story teaches children to value insects as vital helpers, linking biodiversity to sustainability and environmental care.

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.