

Lebo and Gogo's Tea Party

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

Family & Friends

SEL

SUB-THEMES

Being Empathetic

Intergenerational Bonds

Story Discussion Guide

- Develop empathy for aging loved ones
- Understand that physical limitations don't diminish emotional connection
- Recognize creative ways to spend meaningful time with family
- Appreciate the importance of kindness and patience with elders
- Strengthen family bonds through shared, accessible experiences

Lesson plan

This lesson explores how children can better relate to and support elderly family members through empathy, imagination, and love.

Learning Outcome

Before Reading:

- Do you have a grandparent or older relative you spend time with?
- What activities do you enjoy doing with them?
- How do you think older people feel when they're unwell?

During Reading :

- Pause when Gogo is unable to go out—ask: What would you do?
- Ask: How is Lebo feeling? How do you think Gogo feels?

After Reading-

- Why couldn't Gogo go to the mall or park?
- What idea did Lebo come up with?
- How did both Gogo and Lebo feel by the end of the story?
- What could you do for someone in your family who isn't feeling well?

Activities:

- Tea Party Role Play: Children set up a tea party in class with cards or snacks and invite a friend or elder.
- Caring Journal: Children draw or write about a time they helped or cheered someone up.
- Grandparent Portrait: Create art honoring their grandparents or elderly neighbors.

Expected Outcomes

Children will build a deeper appreciation for older adults and learn that even simple acts of love—like a tea party at home—can create lasting joy. They will develop emotional insight and communication skills across generations

Applicable SDGs

- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

SDG Explanation

- SDG 3: Promotes mental and emotional well-being through intergenerational care.
- SDG 10: Highlights the challenges and inclusion of the elderly in everyday experiences.

ABOUT ZAMASAMA

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