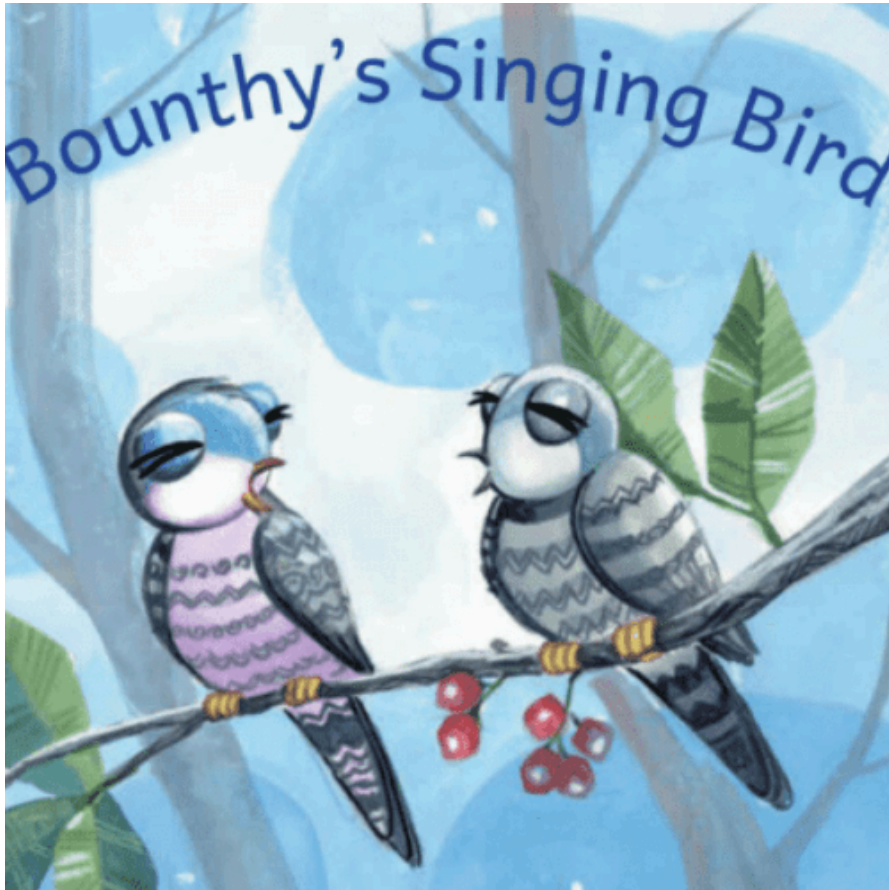


Bounthy's Singing Birds

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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Health & Wellbeing

Social & Emotional Learning

Environment & Conservation

Story Discussion Guide

Children will:

- Understand that birds are living beings who deserve freedom
- Reflect on how animals might feel in captivity
- Learn how to advocate for kindness to animals
- Recognize the joy of nature sounds and biodiversity
- Build empathy through imaginative and sensory exploration

Lesson Plan

Learning Outcome

A story to spark empathy for animals, explore the ethical issues of caging birds, and celebrate nature's music.

Before Reading – Warm-up Questions:

1. Have you seen birds flying freely or in cages?
2. What kinds of sounds do birds make?

During Reading- Engage Students:

- How does Bounthy feel when the birds stop singing?
- What do you think the birds are feeling?

After Reading – Discussion Questions:

1. Is it right to keep birds in cages? Why or why not?
2. If you were a bird in a cage, how would you feel?
3. How can we help protect animals like birds?

Activities:

- Soundscape Play: Use background music with nature sounds. Ask children to add bird calls—chirps, whistles, hoots, etc.
- Poster-Making: Create “Birds Belong in Nature” posters.
- Vocabulary Builder: Identify and name different bird sounds and birds in your area.

Home Reflection:

- Talk to your family about why it's better to admire wild animals in nature instead of keeping them as pets.
- Consider adopting only rescued birds if your family ever wants one, not taking from the wild.

Explore Other Relevant Zamasama Stories

- The Tale of the Water Hyacinth – using nature creatively without harming it
- Jadav and the Tree-Place – planting trees to protect ecosystems
- The River Warrior – taking action to protect nature
- Bye-Bye Plastic Bags – young people fighting environmental harm

Expected Outcomes

Children will show increased empathy for living creatures and awareness of animal welfare. They will begin to understand that animals, like humans, have needs and feelings.

Applicable SDGs

- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG 15: Life on Land

Explanation of SDG Relevance

- SDG 3: Encourages emotional sensitivity and well-being by fostering compassion.
- SDG 12: Highlights ethical choices in everyday actions, like pet ownership.
- SDG 15: Promotes respect for biodiversity and natural ecosystems

ABOUT ZAMASAMA

Zamasama is a nonprofit initiative that curates children's stories from diverse cultures and lived experiences around the world. It gives children a window into other communities—and a mirror that affirms their own, helping children recognize the shared humanity that connects us across differences.

Through narratives that gently challenge biases and broaden worldviews, Zamasama helps children see difference not as a barrier but as a bridge. Through the power of stories, we sow the seeds of pluralism that can grow into a more harmonious world for all.

