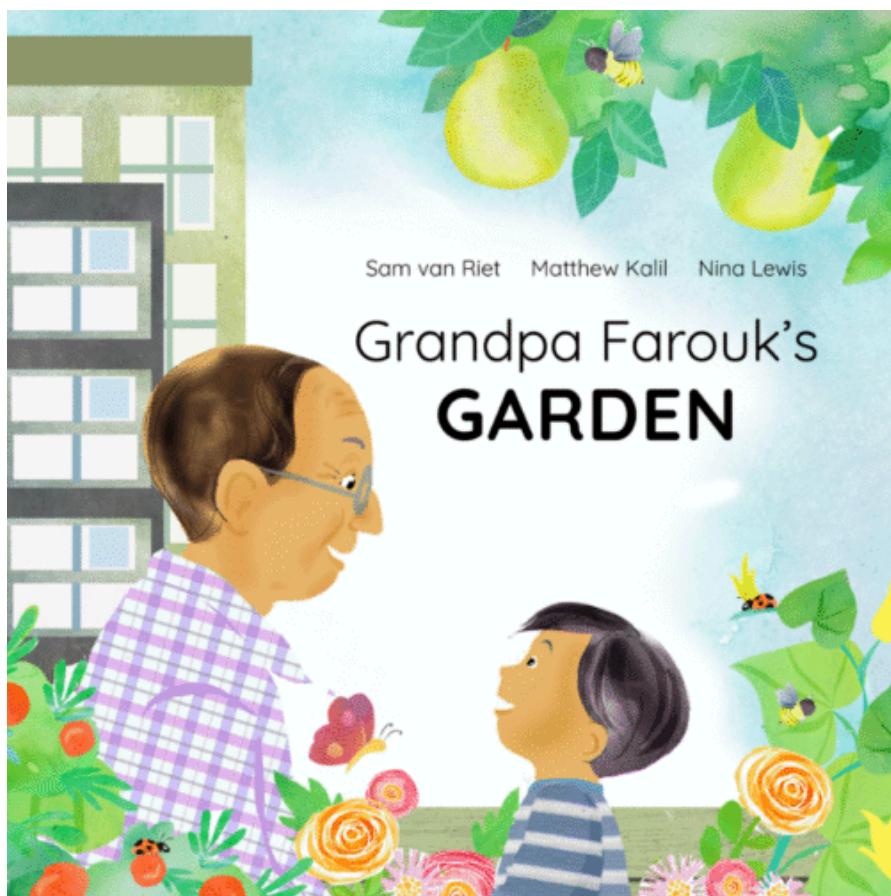


# Grandpa Farouk's Garden

## A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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### THEMES

Environment & Conservation

Family & Friends

Social & Emotional Learning

# Story Discussion Guide

## Lesson plan

Introduce children to rooftop gardens and ask how plants grow in cities. Discuss how insects can help or harm plants.

## Learning Outcome

### Before Reading:

- Show pictures of rooftop gardens. Ask: “Have you ever planted something?”
- Introduce vocabulary: pests, compost, ladybird, blossom.

### During Reading :

- Pause when Amir searches for ladybirds. Ask: “What would you do to help the garden?”
- Observe Amir and Grandpa’s teamwork.

### After Reading :

- Discuss how natural helpers can support gardening.
- Draw a “garden hero” poster: ladybird, bee, or worm.

## Activities:

- Count and graph “ladybirds found.”
- Set up a seed jar and track growth.
- Make a simple compost bin for class/home.

## Expected Outcomes

- Learn about sustainable practices through urban gardening.
- Appreciate intergenerational knowledge-sharing.
- Understand the value of biodiversity in problem-solving.
- Recognize their role in caring for the Earth—no matter their age.

## Applicable SDGs

- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.
- SDG 13: Climate Action.
- SDG 15: Life on Land.

## SDG Explanation

- SDG 11: Highlights rooftop gardening as a green urban solution.
- SDG 13: Introduces eco-friendly pest control through ladybirds.
- SDG 15: Emphasizes the role of biodiversity and balanced ecosystems.

## Curriculum Alignment

- The Mess That We Made – A poetic tale about ocean waste and action.
- My Little Garden
- A Very Important Tree

## 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.