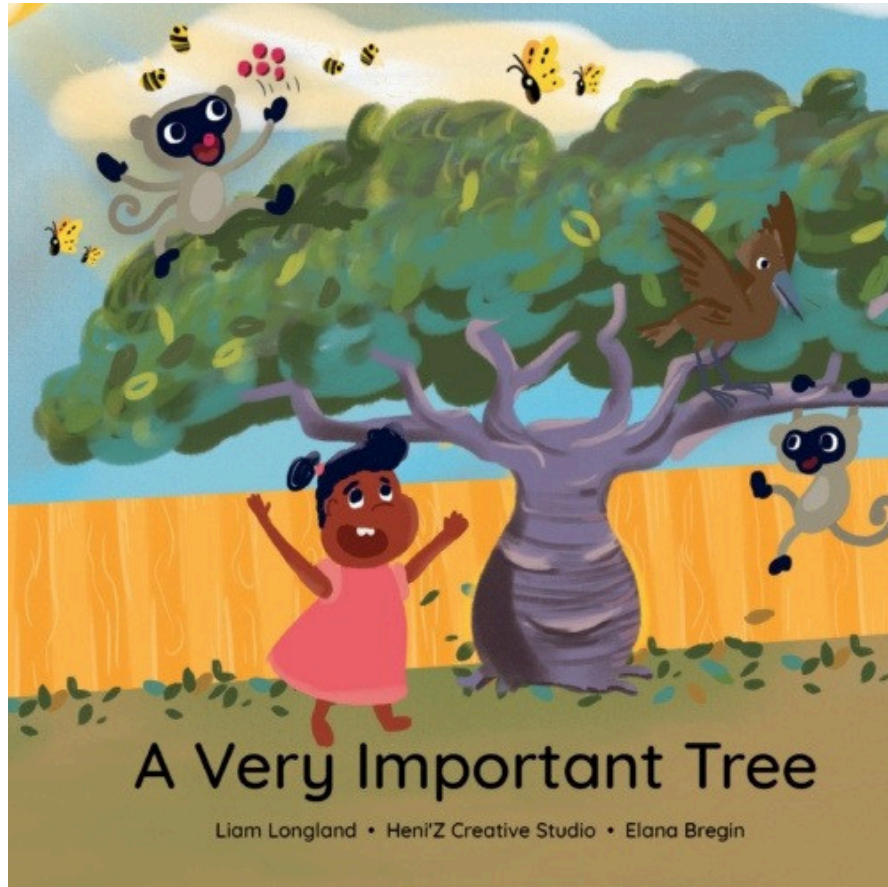


A Very Important Tree

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

Environment & conservation

SUB-THEMES

Caring for nature & wildlife

Environmental Awareness

Story Discussion Guide

- Recognize the value of trees in everyday life.
- Understand how small actions—like saving one tree—can have an environmental impact.
- Appreciate that standing up for what is right can start at any age.
- Practice interpreting visual storytelling and expressing ideas through images

Lesson plan

Use this story to open a conversation about trees and their importance. Let children share experiences of trees near their homes or schools. Reinforce ideas through discussion and drawing activities.

Learning Outcome

Before Reading:

- Do you have a favorite tree? Why do you like it?
- What animals or insects have you seen in or around trees?

During Reading :

- What do you think the girl is feeling?
- What is the boy doing?
- Why do you think she wants to save the tree?

After Reading–

- Why was the tree important to the little girl?
- What would you do if someone wanted to cut down a tree near your house?
- How did the girl's actions help change her brother's mind?

Activities:

- **Draw Your Favorite Tree:** Children draw a tree and the creatures or they imagine living in or around it.
- **Tree Hug Pledge:** Create a classroom pledge to care for trees and nature.
- **Silent Storytelling:** Ask children to 'tell' the story in their own words or sounds using the pictures.
- Get an autograph of a few trees in their neighborhood by making a rubbing of the bark and try and identify them.

Expected Outcomes

Children will develop early environmental consciousness, visual literacy, and empathy.

They'll begin to see how their small voices and actions can protect the world around them

Applicable SDGs

- SDG 13 – Climate Action
- SDG 15 – Life on Land

SDG Explanation

- SDG13: The story touches on the urgent need to preserve trees, which play a crucial role in absorbing carbon and mitigating global warming.
- SDG15: Highlights how trees provide habitat for wildlife and are vital for maintaining biodiversity

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.