

Butet's Biggest Adventure

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



Written by Benny Rhamdani

Illustrated by Odilia Stevannie

THEMES

Biography

Inclusion & Disability

Community

SUB-THEMES

Education for all

Indigenous rights

Women Changemakers

Courage & ethical leadership

Story Discussion Guide

Children will:

- Understand the impact of homelessness on children.
- Recognize global housing insecurity and its effect on education.
- Reflect on social exclusion and bullying due to poverty.
- Cultivate empathy and respect for all peers.
- Inspire strength and hope in children facing hardship.

Lesson Plan

Students will explore the story of Butet and the Orang Rimba through discussions, critical thinking, and activity.

Learning Outcome

Warm-Up Questions:

- What do you think a jungle school might look like?
- Have you ever helped someone learn something new? How did it feel?
- Why might some people not have access to reading or writing?

During Reading : – Pause to Ask:

- What kind of dangers did Butet face while living in the forest?
- How did the Orang Rimba's life change once they started learning?
- What qualities helped Butet succeed in her mission?

After Reading:- Discussion Questions:

- Why is literacy important for every community, no matter where they live?
- Do you think it's easy or hard to be a leader like Butet? Why?
- How can education protect people and their environment?

Activities:

1. Mapping Indigenous Forests/Tribes
2. Be a Changemaker Poster
3. Role Play: Leader for a Day

Expected Outcomes

Children will develop admiration for those who stand up for others in difficult situations. They will reflect on how courage and compassion can bring education and justice to underserved communities. Most importantly, they will begin to see that leaders are deeply committed to helping others—even in the wildest places.

Curriculum Alignment

Rent Party Jazz

Sharing Hope

The Strong Woman is My Mother

Applicable SDGs

- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 15: Life on Land
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Explanation of SDG Relevance

- SDG 4: Butet founded a school within the jungle, offering the Orang Rimba access to reading, writing, and self-empowerment.
- SDG 10: The story highlights educational equity and the inclusion of remote Indigenous communities.
- SDG 15: The forest setting underscores environmental conservation, and the community's struggle to protect their land
- . - SDG 16: The narrative reveals injustices faced by marginalized groups, and Butet's work helps build awareness and advocacy.

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.