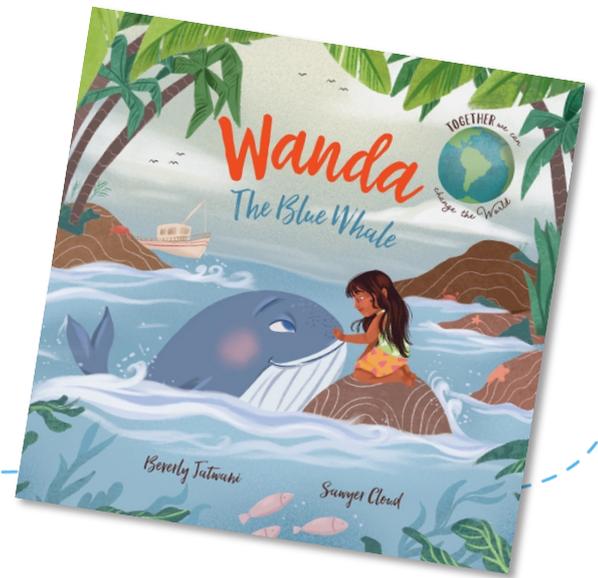




Teaching Notes: Wanda The Blue Whale

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SYNOPSIS

Wanda the Blue Whale is the third book in the 'Together We Can Change The World' series. A series of seven stories, covering seven continents, with seven important virtues; Love, Courage, **Compassion**, Respect, Kindness, Integrity and Gratitude. Each book highlights a fundamental core value, whilst simultaneously encouraging children's responsibility towards Planet Earth. The books' protagonists are an endangered species from each continent. The third book is an uplifting story about a girl and the endangered blue whale. When Paula discovers a baby blue whale caught in a fishing net, she realises there is only one thing to do. This magical encounter will forever change Paula's understanding of **compassion**.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Beverly Jatwani's deeply spiritual upbringing in India was rooted in outdoor play: muddy knees and climbing trees is best how she describes her childhood. It is with these precious memories in mind, armed with the life lessons that she learned whilst being a mum to three spirited children, that inspired her to co-found the Middle East's 'first green and purpose over profit' children's nursery. Having witnessed how children engage with nature, Beverly was inspired to write a series of children's books that capture the innate love and affinity that children have with Mother Earth. Through these seven beautifully illustrated and tenderly written books, Beverly takes children on their own journey to discover how even little people can make a positive impact on our planet and all living things through love, compassion and gratitude.

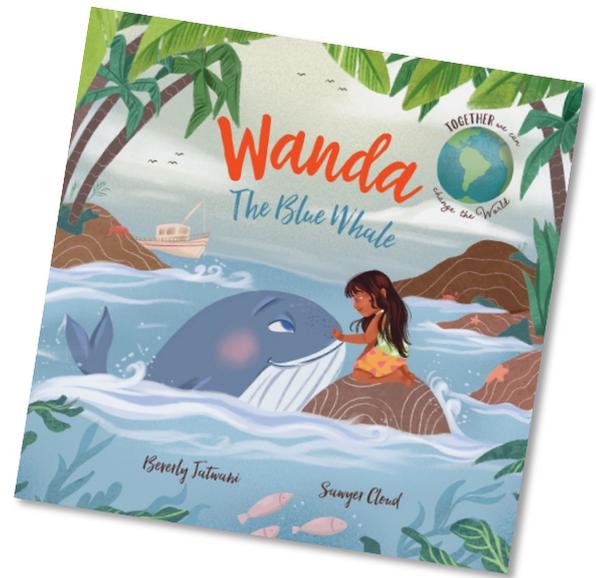
ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Sawyer Cloud is a freelance artist in Madagascar, her native country. She has always been passionate about visual art and learnt the illustration industry through personal research and work experience. Thanks to the internet, she managed to build a reputable 'online career' and worked remotely on a few books from independent publishers before getting representation from a notorious agency specialising in children's books. Sawyer loves sunny days and music. If not drawing, she would be singing out loud in her room, wearing her favourite fairy costume and sharing that moment with her 'online friends'. She lives with her family and her two pets, Arya the dog and Potter the cat. Her dream is to travel and share her stories with the world.



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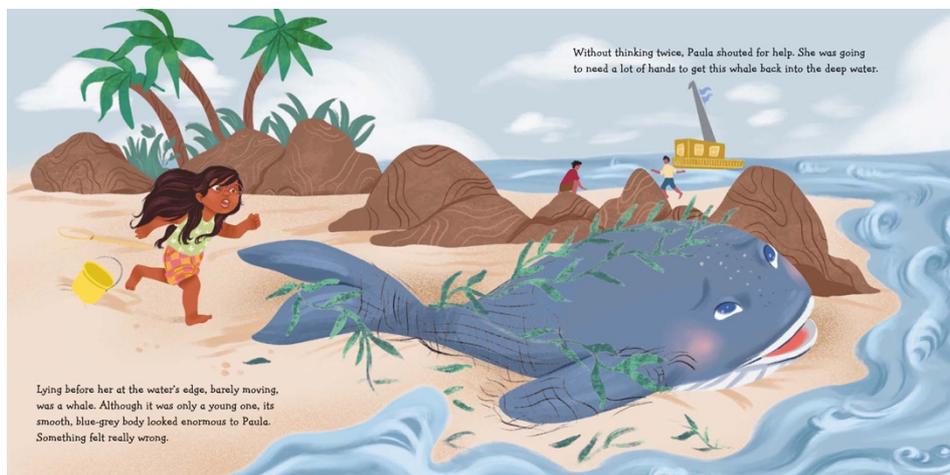
EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Wanda the Blue Whale is the perfect book for promoting environmental awareness and to educate and inspire children to take care of the planet and its inhabitants. It encourages children to wisely use their emotional superpowers and shows them the power of COMPASSION. Key themes also include love, compassion and perseverance. Included is a fact file of lots of interesting facts for children to learn about blue whales and their habitat.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout:

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. *Wanda the Blue Whale* is set in La Serena Beach in Chile. What do you know about Chile?
3. Have you seen a whale before? Was it in its natural habitat?
4. Explain what the word 'endangered' means to the children (a species which is seriously at risk of extinction.) Extinct means that the species no longer has any living members.
5. Do you know which continent Chile is located in?
6. Why do you think certain animals and birds are endangered? (The main reason species become endangered is loss of habitat, this can occur naturally but is more often caused by human interference.)
7. Read through the blue whale facts together. Do you know any more facts?
8. Wanda brings out the compassionate side in Paula. What does she do to help the baby blue whale? How does she show determination and resilience?
9. Ask the children if they know what compassion means? Do they feel that compassion can change the world? If yes, how do you show compassion? (It has different forms.)
10. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?



SAVE THE OCEANS!

FUN ACTIVITY: DESIGN A POSTER

In the book, Paula has a poster on her bedroom wall saying, 'Save the Oceans'. Have a go at designing your own poster on the next page to raise awareness about the situation of the world's oceans.

70 % of our planet is covered by oceans and marine litter can be found EVERYWHERE. **Marine litter** kills, injures and causes pain and suffering to marine mammals, seabirds and many other life forms in the marine and coastal environment.

(UN Environment Programme, 2005)

Here are a few websites to help you with your research:

www.cleancoasts.org

www.childrenfortheoceans.eu

www.greenpeace.org.uk/resources/turtle-journey-education-resource/

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/how-to-help-our-oceans

Here are some questions and things to think about when making your 'Save the Oceans' poster.

- What's the matter with the oceans at the moment?
- What animals and fish are affected? You can include seabirds, turtles, seals, sea lions, whales and fish.
- What are the impacts to marine life? – Entanglement and ingestion of the litter
- What is being done now to protect the marine life?
- How can people help with the conservation effort?



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Design your poster here!



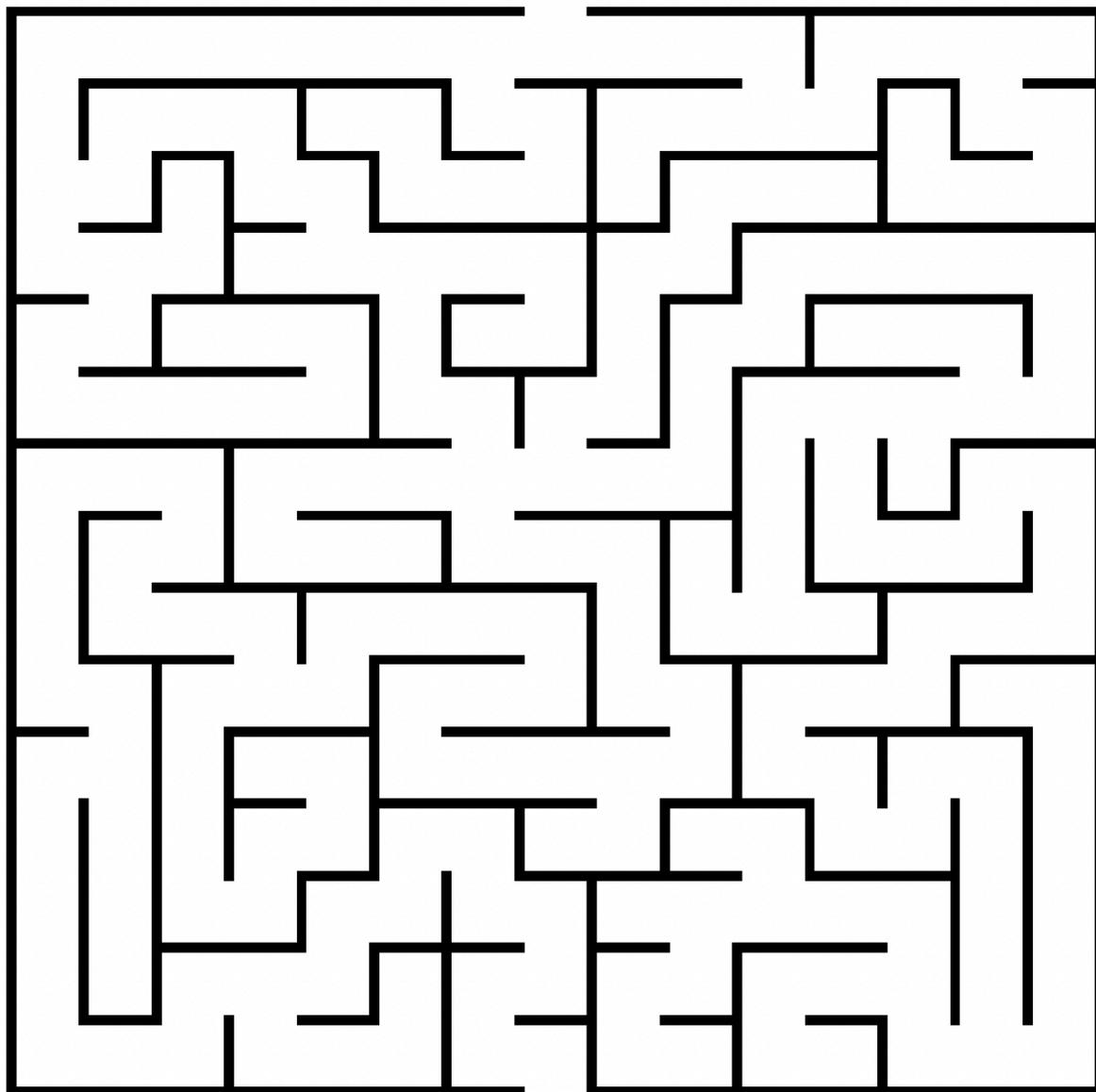
A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to design their poster.



FUN
ACTIVITY!

FIND WANDA'S FAMILY!

Help Paula put Wanda back into the sea.



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CIRTFIFICATE OF COMPASSION

How about giving this certificate to one of your friends who has showed real COMPASSION. Ask an adult to help you cut this certificate out.



Certificate of
COMPASSION
Awarded to



for being so **thoughtful**
and **kind.**



Compassion can change
the world!

