

# CATCH a spark!

## Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



### The Boy Who Grew a Forest

32 pages / Grades K-3

An inspiring, true story of Jadav, a young boy in India who saw what erosion and deforestation was doing to his island home in India. Determined to do something about it, Jadav began planting trees and ultimately grew a forest of over 1,300 trees.

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### Context

A multilayered look at life sciences including **life cycles, ecosystems, ecology, climate** (rain seasons and flooding) and **erosion**.

**Plant** life cycle and diversity of **wildlife** in given **regions**.

**Simplicity of language** and minimal word choice to add to the meaning of a story.

## A

### Arts

Using **light** and **color** in illustrations to **highlight** and add to the setting. The use of light and color adds to the warmth of the story and the climate of this particular location.

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### Themes

Determination

Making a difference

The power of one person

Starting small - the ripple effect.

## C

### Create

Think about what your community needs. It may not be a "forest" but how can you start small to "plant" what it needs and watch it grow. (i.e. "planting kindness,")

Create your own forest, imaginatively. Think about what "seeds" you plant. This may not be planting actual seeds. Be creative! A candy forest perhaps?

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### Heart Words

*"Each day he planted."*

*"Only by growing plants the earth will survive."*

