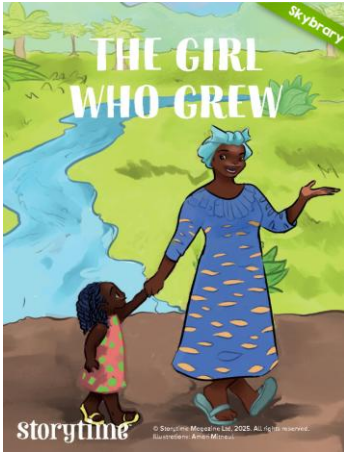


## Read Aloud Guide for Families



### **The Girl Who Grew**

*Author: Storytime*

*Illustrator: Amari Mitnaul*

**Themes:** Environmental Activism,  
Determination, Making a Difference

**Book Brief:** The inspiring true story of Wangari Maathai, a girl who loved nature and grew up to plant millions of trees and change the world!

## READ ALOUD

### **Before Reading: Build Background**

- Ask, "Have you ever planted something and watched it grow? How did it make you feel?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about real events, but it is told like a story with characters, a setting, and events in order.

### **While Reading: Make Connections**

- What does Wangari love? How does she show her love for nature?
- What problem does Wangari notice in her community? What's happening to the trees?
- What does Wangari do to help? How does she make a difference?

### **After Reading: Ask Questions**

- Ask, "What is the most important thing Wangari does? How does her love of nature help her community?"

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### **If your child enjoyed this book:**

- Plant (or draw) something together. Help your child plant seeds in a pot or garden, or care for a plant you already have. Talk about how taking care of living things helps the environment, just like Wangari planted trees to help her community and the earth.
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