

Global Book Bag

Title: The Water Princess

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Grade Levels: 1st grade

Global Competence: Persist through challenges **SDG# 6 Clean Water and Sanitation**



Book Summary: With a beautiful wide sky and brown earth, Princess Gie Gie's kingdom is her homeland. But clean drinking water is difficult to find in her small African village. After her daily trips to get water, her mom boiling the water to drink and bathe with, Gie Gie thinks of the trip that tomorrow brings. And she dreams....

Bag Contents:

- **World Map**
- **Student Journal(to share with other students)**
- **Colored pencils**
- **pencil and eraser**
- **paper for chart**

Directions:

1. Read the story with your child, pointing out the beautiful illustrations, and discuss that Gie Gie and her mother are performing a chore for their home to access water.
- 2.. Ask your child about chores they may do at home, and make a list to include in the journal. Draw and label each chore.
3. Discuss how some children may have different chores, depending on where they live. Compare your child's chores with that of Princess Gie Gie.
4. Locate the area of Burkina Faso in West Africa, using the world map, and discuss how in some areas of the world, drinking water does not come from a faucet. In some countries, families have to travel many miles to find clean water.

5. Have your child make a list of all the things we need water for, e.g., drinking, bathing, washing, flushing toilets. Ask your child why clean water is so important?

Extended Learning:

1. Discuss ways to save or conserve water, i.e., turning off faucet when brushing teeth, flushing toilets less often, and not letting the water run constantly.
2. Make a chart for your home about how often you use water during the day.