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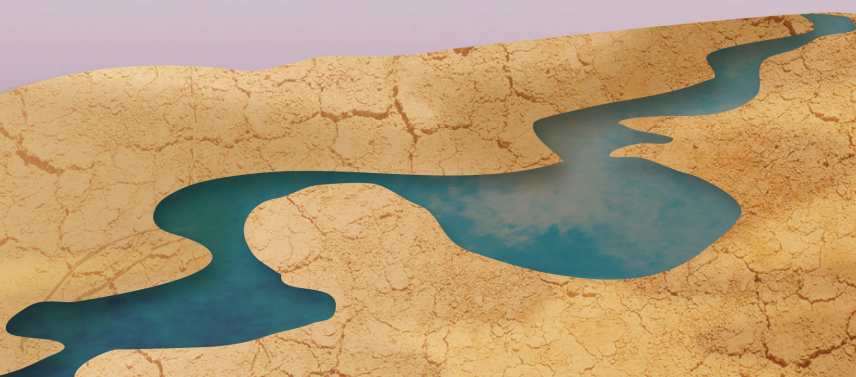


Splash

THE AMAZING
**WATER
WIZ**



Join Splash and Thami the tortoise on an epic water-saving adventure. This magical and important children's book will teach you how to become a Water Wiz too!



MEET THE CHARACTERS



SPLASH THE AMAZING WATER WIZ



THAMI THE TORTOISE



HOWIE THE HERMIT CRAB



GIA THE BAOBAB TREE



VUYO THE CATFISH



LIYA THE ELEPHANT



*link to the
soundscape*

Before the play begins the children and facilitators are invited to explore and establish different soundscapes associated with specific cue cards with the class:

POP!



WHOOSH!



Ask the children to make the sound for **“POP”** when they see **“POP”**, repeat it so that everytime they see that cue card they know to say **“POP”** and make popping noises.

Do the same for the cue card **“WHOOSH!”**

* **POP!** - Will be used when a water droplet lands.

* **WHOOSH** - Will be used when Splash and Thami travel from one space to another.

Children are allowed to volunteer to puppet the different characters in each scene. Facilitators can change actors for each scene to give all the children a fair chance at playing. The facilitator will read the story aloud and children will act with their puppet according to the story.



Wow, it is such a hot day in my village.
Oh (notices the audience)
Hello everyone!
My name is *Thami*.
Thami the tortoise.
I'm so thirsty!
For the past few weeks, The water in the river has been disappearing, and no one knows why!
I wish I could do something to bring back the water,
but I'm just a little tortoise.
What could I possibly do?

 *Splash pops out above Thami.*



You'll be surprised, little friend!



Who are you!



My Name is Splash!



Woah! What are you?

I'm a Water Wiz, of course!
I only appear when I'm needed most, and it looks like you and the rest of your village need some help!



 (Splash pops out above Thami and floats).



But you're little, like me. What difference could a tiny droplet make?



Like I said, I'm a Water Wiz! I might be little, but I am powerful! I've been in all kinds of places where you can find water. I've rolled and rumbled in the ocean's mighty waves, I've floated inside the puffiest clouds, I've been frozen for hundreds of years inside the biggest icebergs, and I've run down the longest rivers. I have also been inside the leaves of all the plants and the bodies of all the animals around the world. That is where I get my power from.



Wow! So you can help me get water back into our river?



Yes! But I just need a little help. Can you (gesturing to the audience) repeat after me?



Chant: Call and response (facilitators don't have to come up with a song but more of war-cry esque call and response)



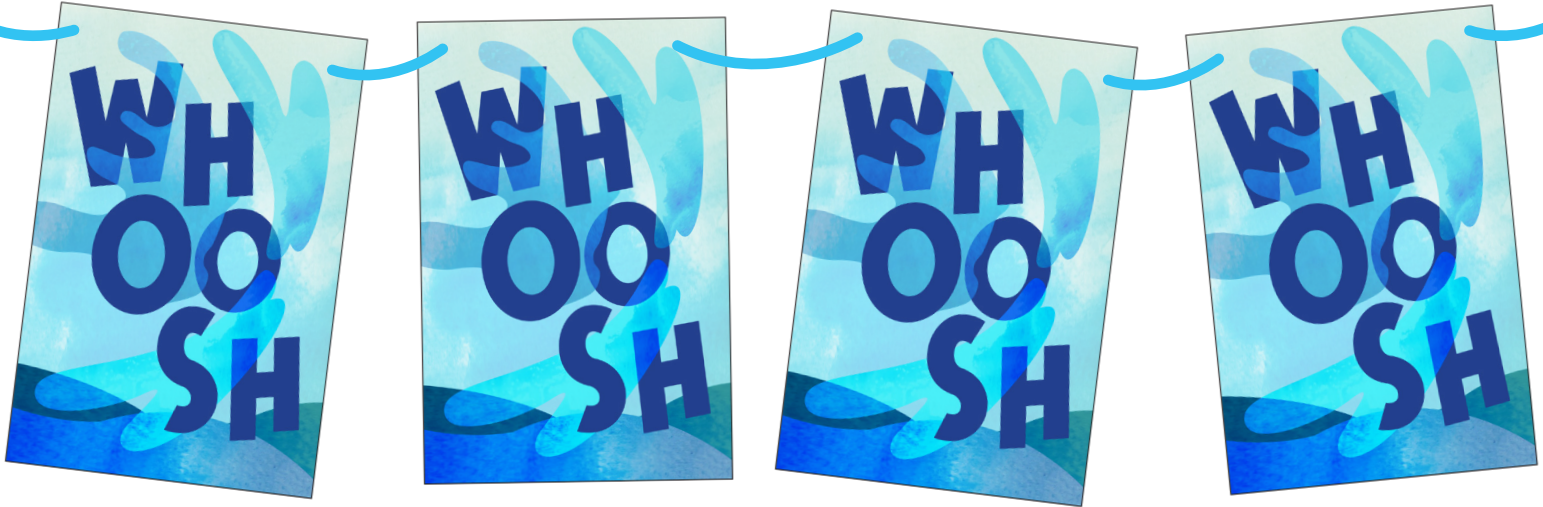
***Splish splash, we're on our way!
Splish splash, we're on our way!
It's gonna be an awesome day!
It's gonna be an awesome day!***





The magic is working! Let's go and meet my friends!

CUE CARD: WHOOSH!



Thami and Splash exit..



SCENE 2: Boabab



CUE CARD: POP!



Phew! What a ride.



Thami, say hello to my friend Gia, the Tree of Life.



Wow! Hello Gia. Uhm, why are you called the Tree of Life?



Hello, little one. I am a baobab tree. Over thousands of years my family has learned to store precious water in our giant trunks. This means that we have enough water when it's dry. We can also give the thirsty animals some water too. You see, water is life, that's why I'm also known as the Tree of Life.



Wow! So you use your trunks to save water?



Yes little one. Over millions of years, we baobas have learned how important it is to save water, so that we never go thirsty, even when there's little rain. No matter if you're a giant baobab tree or a small tortoise the more you save, the more you have when you need it most.



So saving water means that I'll never go thirsty?



Exactly! The more you save the more you have when you need it most.



Wow, Splash! I promise to never take the life-giving river for granted again!



Are you ready to meet our next friend? Time to say the magic words!

(Chant: Call and response)



*Splish splash, away we go!
Splish splash, away we go!
Up above and down below!
Up above and down below!*



CUE CARD: WHOOSH!



 *Splash and Thami exit.*



SCENE 3: Catfish



CUE CARD: POP!



 *Vuyo the Catfish pops out.*



Hello! I'm Vuyo!



Hi Vuyo!



Vuyo is a catfish. Him and the other catfish keep this pond clean!



That's right!. We eat the algae, which keeps the water from becoming green and murky. If we didn't clean up the water, we wouldn't have such a beautiful home!



I wish the animals in my village felt the same. They just throw all sorts of rubbish into the river, and it looks so gross! Plastic bags, bottles, even smelly flip-flops! I'll teach all the animals in my village to take care of our river, just like Vuyo and these clever catfish.



Great idea! But now it's time to meet someone new. Are you ready to say the magic words?

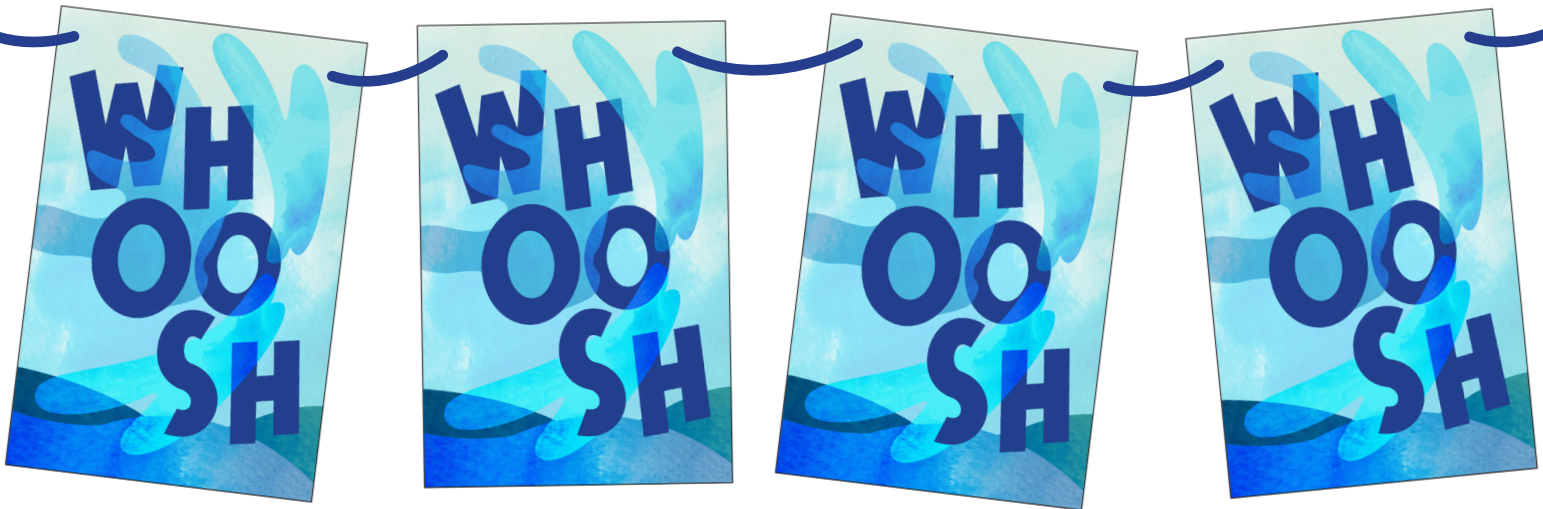
(Chant: Call and response)



***Splish splash, roll and rumble!
Splish splash, roll and rumble!
Hold onto your shell, we're about to tumble!
Hold onto your shell, we're about to tumble!***



CUE CARD: WHOOSH!



 *Thami and Splash exit.*



SCENE 4: Hermit Crab



Howie pops onto the stage. Splash and Thami appear. 



Whoo-hoo! Aaah!

CUE CARD: POP!



 *Thami notices the shell.*



What is that?



My name's Howard, but everyone calls me Howie.



You have a pretty cool shell.



Oh, thanks. I've just moved into mine. It's a rather good fit, if I do say so myself.



(stunned)What do you mean you've just moved in, weren't you born with that shell?



Nope, it's brand new. Well, kinda. See, I'm a hermit crab.



A hermit crab?



Yes, a hermit crab and I've learned to use old things in new ways, like this shell. It once belonged to a sea snail, but I've made it my new home. As I grow bigger, I'll be on the lookout for other shells that have been tossed aside. Nothing needs to be used only once!



Oh wow, that's brilliant! So the old shells don't get wasted.



Exactly! I always look for ways to use things more than once. Instead of throwing things away when they're old, you can find cool ways of reusing them. I think it's genius!



I can teach the animals in my village your clever trick, so they can stop wasting and start reusing instead. That way, less junk would end up in our precious river.



Great idea. We have one more animal to meet on our journey. Are you ready to say the magic words.

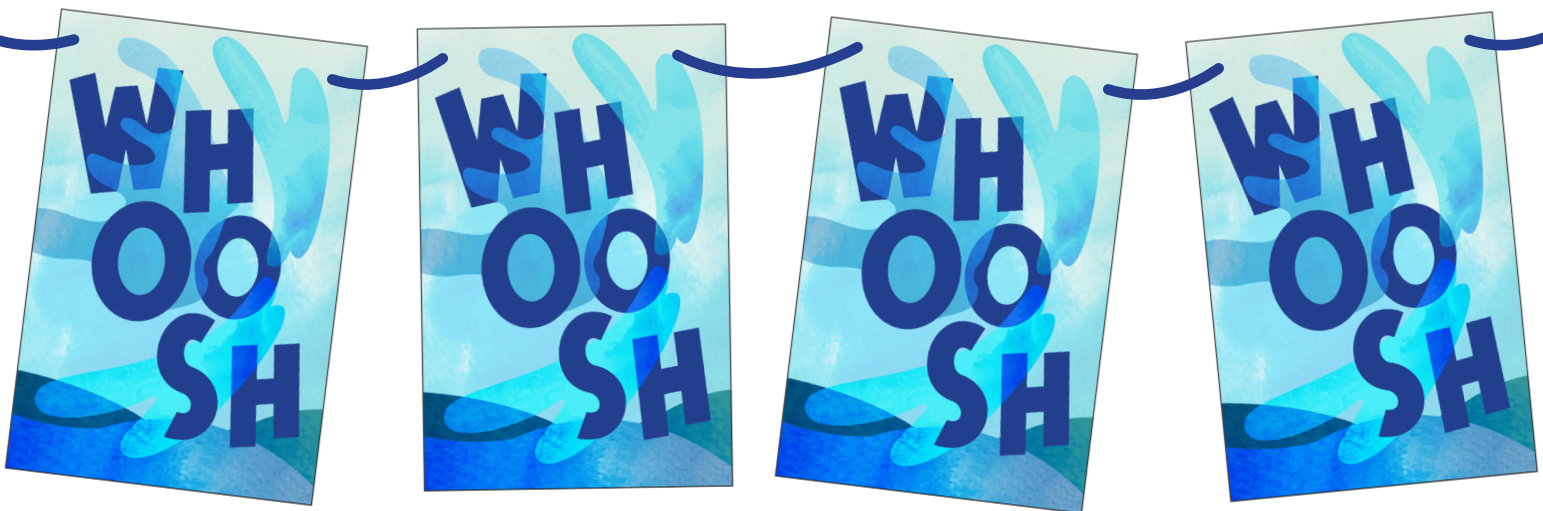
(Chant: Call and response)



Splish splash, hold onto your shell!
Splish splash, hold onto your shell!
There's one more stop before we say farewell!
There's one more stop before we say farewell!



CUE CARD: WHOOSH



Splash and Thami disappear. 💡



💡 *Howie pops onto the stage.*



SCENE 5: Elephant



AAAH!

CUE CARD: POP!



Splash and Thami land next to an elephant. 💡



(amazed) Woooow!



This is Liya, Mother of the Elephants.
She's on an epic journey, but I'll let her tell you all about it.



Hi, Liya!



Hello! Every year I lead my family on a long tiring journey to find water. We travel for hundreds of kilometers during the dry season to find some



So huge elephants need water to survive too?



Of course! When we eventually get to clean water, we fill our trunks and spray in celebration! Water is everything!



(shouts) Water is everything! (Trumpet sounds!)



Not only are these elephants brave, but their journey also helps the environment. Their large footprints create holes deep enough to collect water for other animals and insects to drink from. They can even dig waterholes when riverbeds run dry.



Wow! How do they do that?



Like this: Stomp, stomp, stomp!
(to children) Can you stomp your feet like an elephant?

 *Children stomp their feet.*



Gosh. These elephants go on long adventures just to get drinking water. I really appreciate my village river even more now. I'll never take clean, running water for granted ever again. If mighty elephants appreciate water so much, a small tortoise like me can too.



Goodbye, Liya.



Goodbye, Splash and Thami.



time to say the magic words to take us home.

 *Children stomp their feet.*



***Splish splash our journey is done
Splish splash our journey is done
Thanks for sharing in all the fun!
Thanks for sharing in all the fun!***



CUE CARD: POP!



SCENE 6: Resolution

Thami and Splash are transported back to their village. 💡



Wooooaaaah!

CUE CARD: POP!



We're back in my village.



Remember, you've learned some very important lessons on our journey. You're the protector of the most important thing on this blue planet – water!



So if I'm the protector of the most important thing on earth, then that makes me important too...



Yes. It means that you're a Water Wiz; magical and powerful, just like me!



Thank you, Splash.

From this day forward, everyone in the village will save as much water as they can just like Gia the mighty baobab tree. We will keep our environment clean, like Vuyo the catfish. We will think twice before throwing anything old away, like Howie the clever hermit crab. And we will appreciate and respect the clean river water, just like Liya the elephant. But most importantly, you have taught me, whether you're a giant elephant or a small tortoise – you matter. I matter! We matter!



Let's say it all together as loud as we can: WE MATTER!

We matter!



Exactly - just like every little droplet of water.

The End!