



# Global Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

Welcome to Global Goals Week! We can't wait to meet you all each day from 10am - 11am GMT.

Below is a brief idea of what we will be covering throughout the week.



**Day 1** The Global Goals



**Day 2** Goal 2: Clean Water and Sanitation



**Day 3** Goal 15: Life on Land



**Day 4** Goal 1: Poverty



**Day 5** Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals

**Please share your work with us! We'd love to see the ideas your students come up with. Email your creations to Siobhan at [shughes@eeu.antaisce.org](mailto:shughes@eeu.antaisce.org)!**



WESSA (the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) is a South African environmental organisation which aims to initiate and support high impact environmental and conservation projects to promote participation in caring for the Earth. For over 90 years we have proactively engaged with the challenges and opportunities presented by our country's unique natural heritage and the social and economic systems that depend on it.

We have become a leading implementer of environmental initiatives: We work with schools and teachers throughout South Africa on a range of local and international programmes to support and improve school curricula with regard to environmental learning, enabling learners to achieve their full potential towards a sustainable future by taking environmental action in their own areas. Blue Flag is the global symbol of quality for beaches, boats and marinas in the environmental management of our coastline and coastal waters to help tourism growth and development.



The Green Key eco-label recognises tourism establishments demonstrating excellence in the field of environmental responsibility and sustainable operations. Our professional training programmes are addressing South Africa's skills shortage, and we are also implementing programmes to develop an empowered and enthused youth sector. We are supporting the conservation of life-supporting biodiversity and water resources through ecological infrastructure projects which involve the removal of invasive alien plants and the rehabilitation and restoration of ecosystems.

WESSA is an integral part of the international environmental community: In addition to being the appointed operator in South Africa for five FEE (Foundation for Environmental Education) programmes, we are a founder member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and, as a UNESCO partner, we are supporting education for sustainable development across the southern African region.

## Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.



One in three people live without sanitation. This is causing unnecessary disease and death. Although huge strides have been made with access to clean drinking water, lack of sanitation is undermining these advances. If we provide affordable equipment and education in hygiene practices, we can stop this senseless suffering and loss of life.

The amazing students in South Africa also told us about the work they are doing to work towards clean water and sanitation. First of all we heard from the Eco-Avengers from Glenhaven Secondary school in Durban South Africa who are doing amazing work in monitoring the quality of their local river. They also created a wonderful biodiversity garden in their school!



Shea O'Connor Combined School in South Africa also spoke to us about their amazing work in testing their water quality, conserving water and managing the wetland that surrounds the school.

**Before**

**After**



We learned about the Canna Indica invasive species that the students prevent from destroying their wetland.

Well done everyone!

# Make your own Flowers!

The students in Glenhaven Secondary School, South Africa created beautiful recycled paper flowers for their hospitality department to use as decoration during an important annual event attended by officials. Their goal is to one day open a craft stall at their local market to inspire the community to turn waste into something new and useful—proving that creativity can save both resources and money.



## You Will Need

- Used paper (old newspapers, scrap paper, magazines, etc.)
- Tissues (used tissues that are clean and dry, or napkins)
- Scissors (ask an adult for help!)
- Glue or tape
- Colored markers or crayons (optional)
- A stick or straw (for the flower stem)
- Green paper or recycled material (for leaves)

## Why This Matters

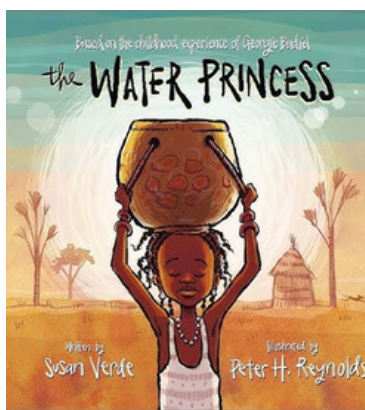
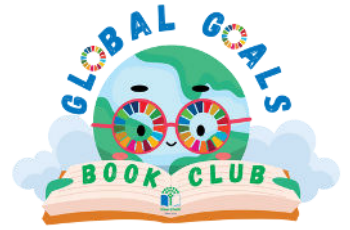
By reusing paper and tissues, you're helping to reduce waste and protect clean water sources—just like the amazing students in South Africa! Every small action can make a big difference for our planet.

## Instructions:

1. Gather your used paper and tissues. Make sure everything is clean and dry. If you want colourful flowers, you can decorate your paper with markers or crayons before you start.
2. Cut the paper into different sizes of petal shapes—big, medium, and small.
3. If you're using tissues, gently fold them and cut out petal shapes for a soft, delicate look.
4. Gently curl the edges of the paper petals by wrapping them around a pencil and sliding it off. This will make your petals look more realistic.
5. Roll a small piece of paper or tissue into a ball. This will be the centre of your flower.
6. Glue or tape it onto the top of your stick or straw.
7. Start with the smallest petals. Glue or tape them around the centre of the flower.
8. Add medium petals next, followed by the largest ones, layering them to make the flower look full and beautiful.
9. Cut out leaf shapes from green paper or another recycled material.
10. Glue or tape them onto the stick.
11. Let your flower dry completely.
12. Once it's ready, you can display it in a jar or give it to someone as a gift!



Global Goal 6 is very important to our Global Goals Book Club as it links in directly with our Green-Schools 'Water' theme. The stories we curated for Global Goal 6 highlight the significance of access to clean and safe drinking water and the global challenges of water scarcity and pollution. By reading about characters who strive to secure clean water for their communities, children learn about the vital role water plays in health and well-being. Through our activities and discussions based on these books, we aim to raise awareness among young readers about the importance of sustainable water management and conservation.



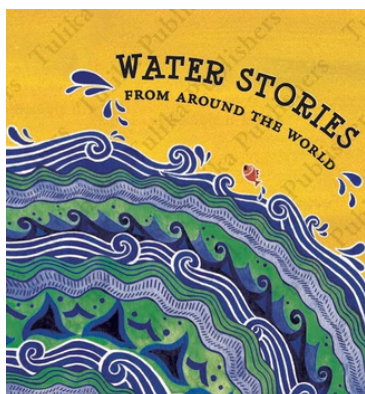
### **'The Water Princess' by Susan Verde**

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### **'We Are Water Protectors' by Carole Lindstrom**

By understanding the importance of clean water, children learn to value and protect this precious resource. "We Are Water Protectors" by Carole Lindstrom beautifully aligns with Goal 6 by highlighting the cultural and environmental significance of water through the story of an Ojibwe girl standing against water pollution. This powerful narrative raises empathy and awareness, encouraging young readers to appreciate clean water and understand the consequences of water pollution.

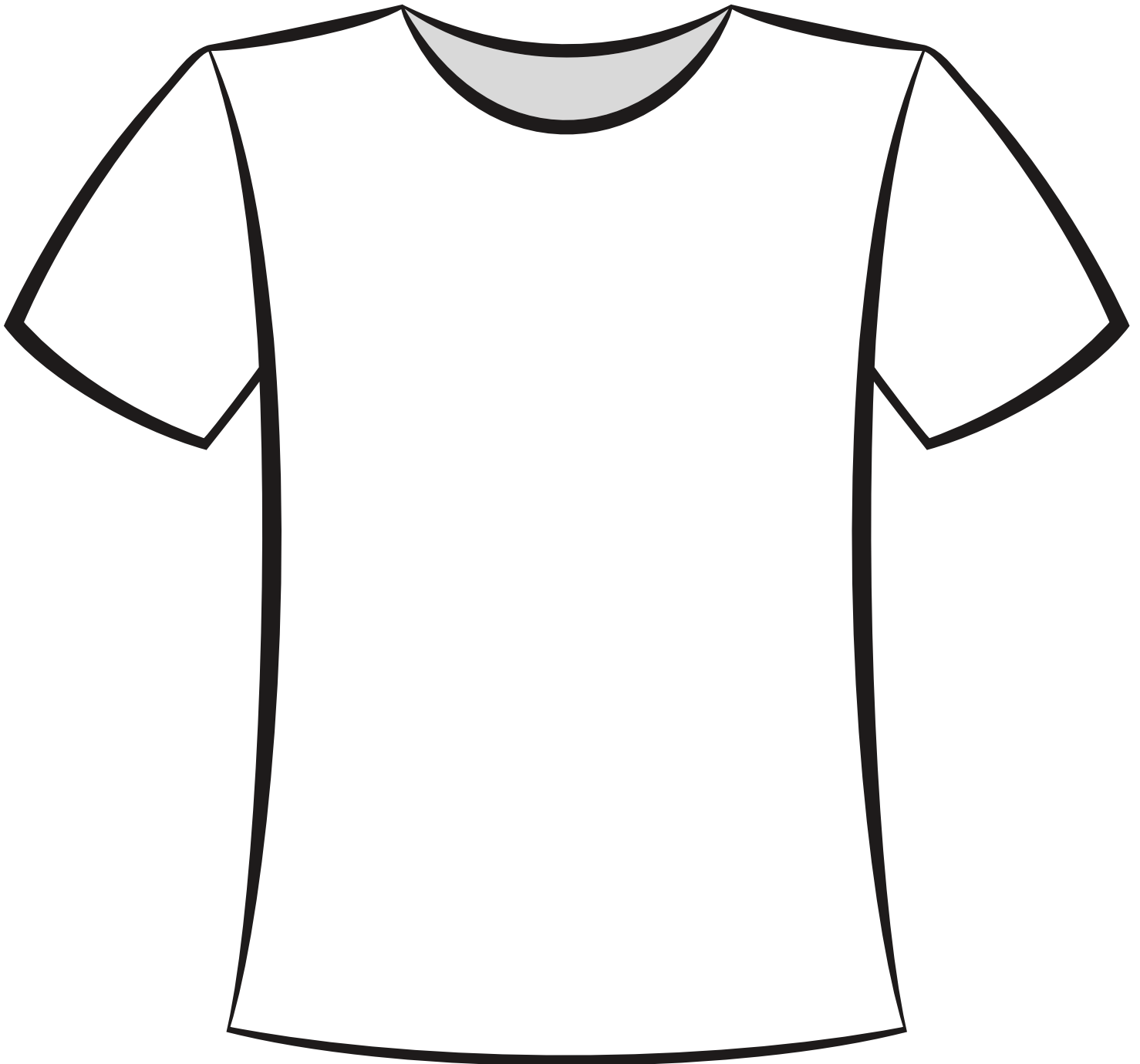


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Think about what we learned during Day 2: Clean Water and Sanitation from different students taking action across South Africa and design a t-shirt with a message that you can wear and share to raise awareness about the Global Goal of Clean Water



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