



The Wind Finds Its Voice

Grades 4-6

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Children's views of conservation issues using fantasy as a means
to engage and inform others about global conservation issues.

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Cast of Characters

- : Tourists in Canoe 1 (Group of 2-6)
- : Tourists in Canoe 2 (Group of 2-6)
- : Wind 1 (Group of 2-10)
- : Wind 2 (Group of 2-10)
- : Trees (Group of 2-6)

ACT I

(Wind all in white swaying softly stage R, Two canoes diagonal stage L with tourists wearing hats, sunglasses, cameras>

CANOE 1 It sure it pretty out here!

CANOE 2
But it is alot of work paddling!

(wind all leans forward whenever they hear the word wind)

CANOE 1
I wish the wind would pick up to help us.

CANOE 2
Well we can't do anything to bring stronger wind so just keep paddling.

(both canoes keep paddling)

CANOE 1
Come on wind please help me paddle. I'm tired!

CANOE 2
You can't talk to the wind!

(Wind sways harder, all in canoe freeze)

WIND 1
Hey tourists! Yes, talk to us! We can hear you!

WIND 2
Oh stop it. They can't hear you!

WIND 1
But we have so much to stay! I wish we had a voice.

WIND 2
Geesh! All you ever talk about is having a voice.

WIND 1

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WIND 2

What's so important?

WIND 1

Our rain forest is being ruined! Too many trees are being cut down! Our water is being polluted! Our animals are losing their homes! Our rainforest is being ruined. We have to do something about it! We need a voice!

WIND 2

Whatever. You'll never have a voice so forget about it.

WIND 1

(as next lines are read wind 1 and 2 look at each other while saying one line, then look at another person while saying the next, upset, crying, moving around each other)

What are we going to do? What are we going to do? No one can hear us. We have so much to say! Wah! We want a voice!

(when they say "we want a voice" they all stamp their feet on voice.

ACT II

TREES

For crying out loud. Will you all please just pull it together! This used to be a peaceful rainforest.

WIND 1

You can hear us! They can hear us!

(all jumping and hugging on "they can hear us!")

TREES

Well of course we can hear you. You're making enough noise to be heard around the world.

WIND 1

That's it

WIND 2

What's it?

WIND 1

Around the world! We need our voices to be heard around the world!

WIND 2

Hey! That's brilliant! If our voices were heard around the world we COULD help the rainforest!

TREES Wind hold on a minute! I didn't really mean that your voices could actually be heard around the world. I just meant that you were noisy. But you might be on to something to help save the rain forest.

WIND 1

What do you mean? How can we have voices that are heard around the world?

TREES Well first of all you need to really believe in what you have to say.

WIND 1 AND 2

We do! We do!

WIND 1

How can we be heard around the world?

TREESYou start one step at a time, telling one person at a time. Important messages are like waves.

WIND 1 AND 2

Huh?

TREESImportant messages will keep spreading and spreading and growing and growing just like waves. Your message will pick up speed and momentum each time someone sends the message on. Kind of like something going viral on the internet.

WIND 1 AND 2

Okay we get it but where should we start?

TREESTake a look over there.

(points to canoes)

ACT

III _

CANOE 1

Let's just quit paddling and have some lunch. There isn't any wind to help us.

CANOE 2

Good idea!

CANOE 1

I stopped for a burger and fries.

(pulls out a bag starts to unwrap fast food)

CANOE 2

We have a pizza and soda.

(all people in the canoe start to eat and throw their wrappers and cups into the water)

TREES Find your voice wind.

WIND 1 AND 2

HEY!

CANOE 1

What was that?

CANOE 2

Just the wind. Relax.

(throws soda bottle in water)

WIND 1 AND 2

Stop that!

CANOE 2

Now this is getting pretty weird. What is that sound?

(throws pizza box in water)

WIND 1

Okay, enough is enough!

CANOE 1 AND 2

Whoa! Who are you?

WIND 1 AND 2

We are the wind. We can no longer stand by and watch you litter our water!

CANOE 2

Who's water?

WIND 2

Everyone's water. It is part of nature.

WIND 1

Yes, and we **all** have to take care of it.

WIND 2

Do you take care of your room and other stuff at your house?

CANOE 1 AND 2

Well of course we do!

WIND 1

Well this rainforest and the rest of nature is everyone's home and we all have to take care of it.

WIND 2

Did you know that you are in the world's largest rain forest in the Amazon Basin?

CANOE 1 AND 2

(they shrug and say)

No we didn't know that.

WIND 1

And, did you know that this rainforest is home to over 1/2 of the world's animals?

CANOE 1 AND 2

Wow!~ we didn't know that!

WIND 1

You need to respect nature,

WIND 2

and help to preserve nature,

WIND 1 AND 2

and pass this message on so that it travels around the world.

CANOE 1 AND 2

Around the world? We can do that?

WIND 1 AND 2

(look at each and say)

Oh yeah!

(CONTINUED)

CANOE 1 AND 2

(look at each other and nod)
Okay we're in. How we can help!

WIND 1

Well start with something simple yet important.

WIND 2

Anything you bring into the forest with you..take out with you.

(all in canoe start picking their trash out of water and putting back in canoes)

WIND 1

Don't pour out any liquids w/chemicals into the water or anywhere else in the forest.

WIND 2

Don't cut down any plants or build fires except in areas where you know it is allowed.

WIND 1

And don't pollute the vibration of the forest with I pods and cell phones.

(all in canoe at same time start turning off cell phones and ipods)

WIND 2

Instead send a positive and helpful vibration around the world.

CANOE 1 AND 2

How do we do that?

WIND 1 AND 2

Find your voice. Send a message around the world to help the world.

WIND 1 AND 2

If WE can do it..YOU can do it!

WIND 1

Let's work together. It's like a dance. One person moves, then the other person moves, then another person moves. Before you know it everyone is moving together!

(wind demonstrates one person, then another, then another moving, and tourists in canoe join them)

Scene Fades

OPTION: Students point to audience and say "Help us to send this message around the world!"

