



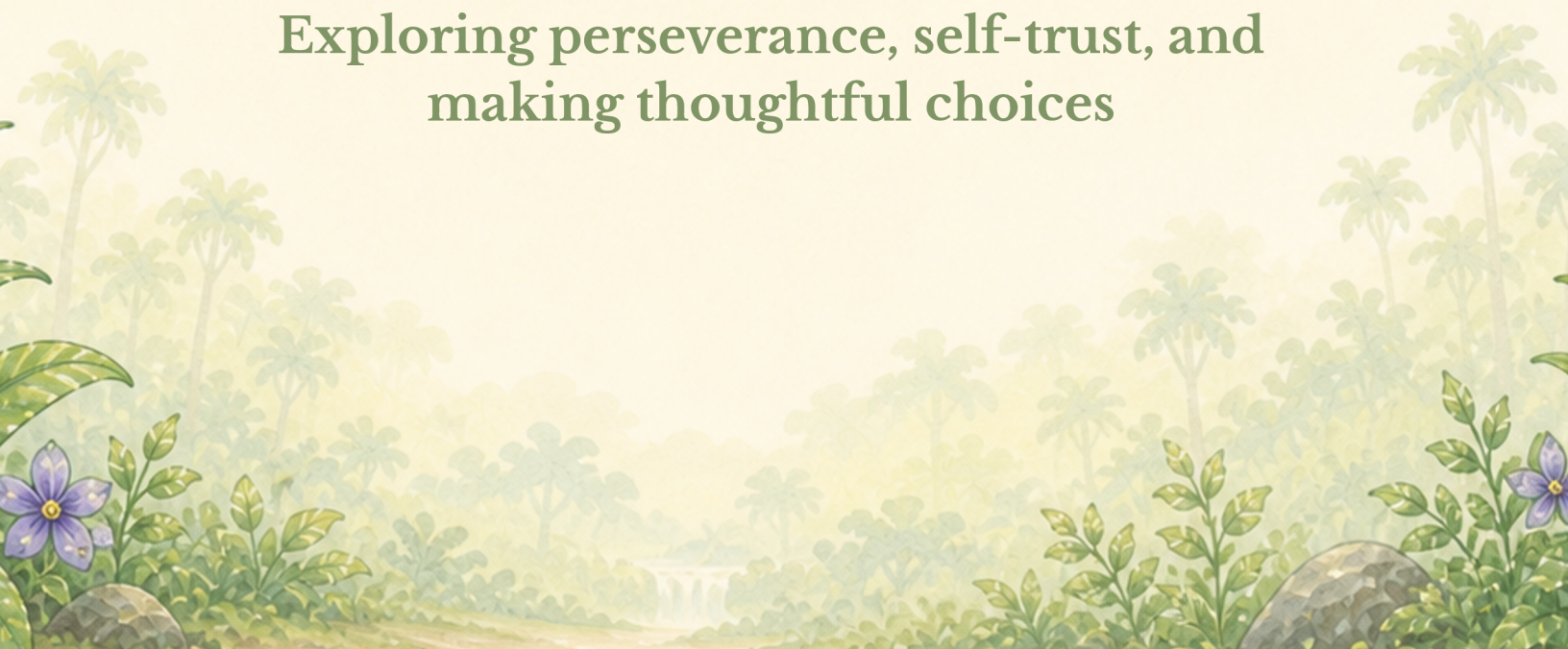


Fireheart

And the Quest for the Perfect Songbird

Teacher & Activity Guide

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Exploring perseverance, self-trust, and
making thoughtful choices





TEACHER GUIDE


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About the Story

In this gentle rainforest tale, Margana the flamingo is given an important task—to find the perfect songbird for Rosalind’s grove.

As she searches, she meets many different birds. Some are loud, some are soft, and some sound very unusual. Just when she begins to doubt herself, Margana listens carefully and discovers something important.



Suggested Age Range
Ages 3–8



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Themes

Perseverance • Self-trust • Confidence • Thoughtful choices

Before Reading

- What does “perfect” mean to you?
- Have you ever had to choose something important?

During Reading

- What do you think Margana will do next?
- Why didn’t she choose that bird?

After Reading

- What was Margana trying to find?
- Why did she almost give up?
- What helped her keep going?

Discussion

- What does it mean to trust yourself?
- Why wasn’t the loudest choice the best one?
- Can something simple still be special?

Optional Activities

- Draw your “perfect” choice
- Finish: “Something is perfect when...”
- Talk about different bird sounds

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Thinking about Feelings

Margana feels unsure at times, but she keeps going.

Talk together:
When have you felt like giving up?

What helped you keep trying?



Building Confidence

Sometimes the best choice isn't the loudest or most obvious one.

Talk together:
What does it mean to trust yourself?

Can something simple still be special? Why?





Draw Your “Perfect” Choice

Draw something that is perfect for you.

It could be:

a bird, a place or a favorite thing

Then finish this sentence:

Something is perfect when

Rainforest Birds

Many birds live in the rainforest,
and each one has a different
sound.

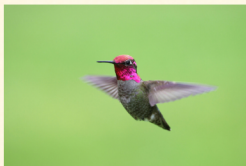
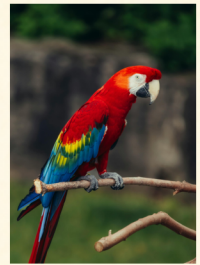


Rufous-bellied thrush

This bird is known for its beautiful, flute-like song

Macaws

These birds are colorful and very loud.



Hummingbirds

These tiny birds make soft, gentle sounds.

Oriole blackbirds



These birds make loud, rough, and scratchy calls.



If I Were Margana...

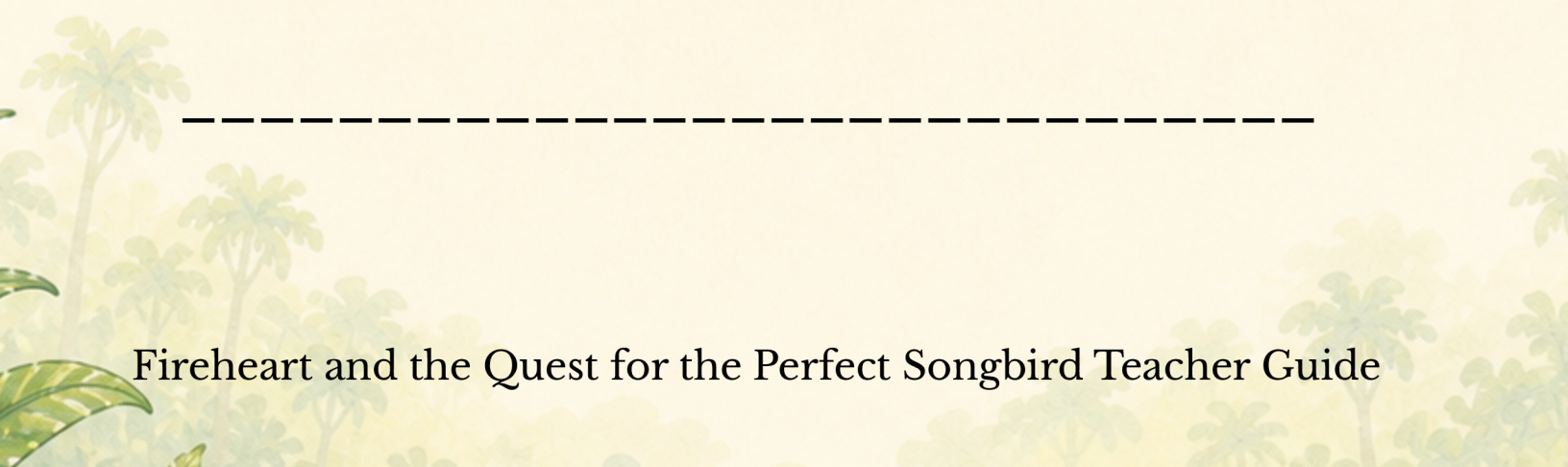
If I were searching for the perfect songbird, I would choose

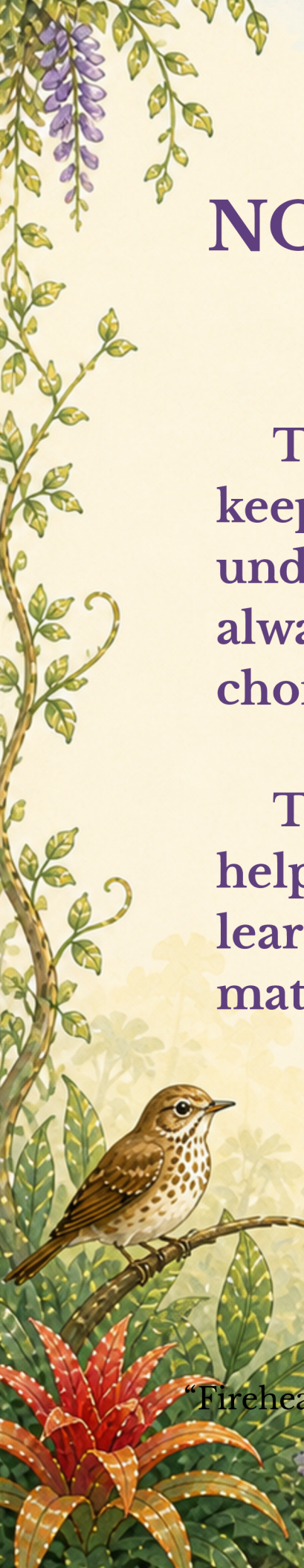
Because

My Favorite Part

My favorite part of the story was

Because



A decorative illustration on the left side of the page. It features a brown vine with green leaves and clusters of purple flowers at the top. A small brown and white spotted bird is perched on a branch in the lower left. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with green foliage and a path leading into the distance.

NOTE FOR PARENTS & TEACHERS

This story encourages children to keep trying, trust themselves, and understand that “perfect” doesn’t always mean the biggest or loudest choice.

Talking about the story together helps children build confidence and learn that their own ideas and feelings matter.

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