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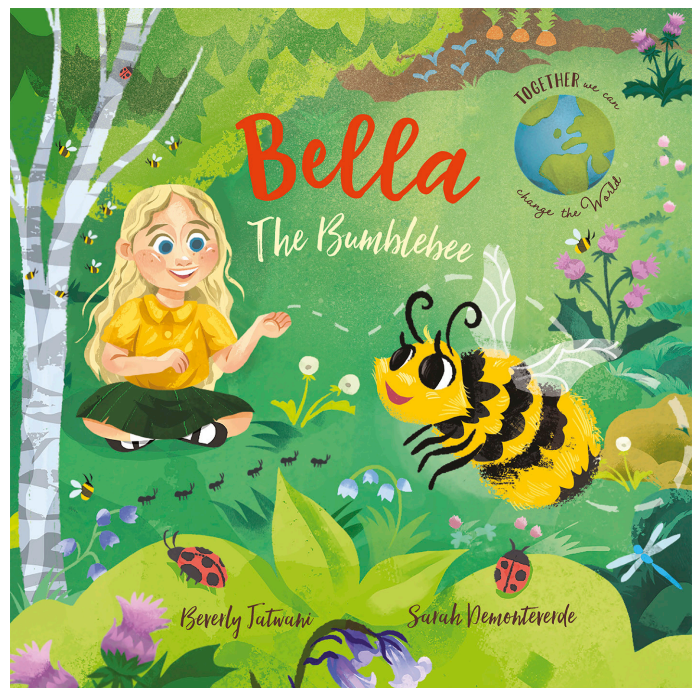
## BELLA THE BUMBLEBEE

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### SYNOPSIS

*Bella The Bumblebee* is the sixth book in the 'Together We Can Change The World' series. A series of seven stories, covering seven continents, with seven important virtues; Love, Courage, Compassion, Kindness, Integrity, Respect and Gratitude. Each book highlights a fundamental core value, whilst simultaneously encouraging children's responsibility towards Planet Earth. The books' protagonists are an endangered species from each continent. The sixth book is a powerful story about a girl and a bumblebee. When Rosie hears a strange buzzing sound while she's being disrespectful to her friend, she isn't sure what's going on. A special encounter with Bella will forever change Rosie's understanding of **Respect**.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Beverly Jatwani's deeply spiritual upbringing in India was rooted in outdoor play ... muddy knees and climbing trees is best how she describes her childhood. It is with these precious memories in mind, armed with the life lessons that she learned whilst being a mum to three spirited children, that inspired her to co-found the Middle East's first 'green & purpose over profit' children's nurseries. Having witnessed how children engage with nature, Beverly was inspired to write a series of children's books that capture the innate love and affinity that children have with Mother Earth. Through these seven beautifully illustrated and tenderly written books, Beverly takes children on their own journey to discover how even little people can make a positive impact on our planet and all living things through love, compassion and gratitude.

### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Sarah Demonteverde is a Filipino-American illustrator and designer currently based in the greater Los Angeles area. She graduated from Azusa Pacific University's Bachelor of Fine Arts programme, having studied Fine Arts with an interdisciplinary emphasis in both graphic design and illustration. Having roots in the multicultural community of Southern California, Sarah grew up loving music and dance, playing classical guitar and performing as a Polynesian dancer throughout her younger years. Sarah's passion for diverse cultures and history has grown since then and has inspired her to create narratives as a homage to the past, while also instilling that same passion into those around her and the generations to come. When she's not illustrating or dancing, you can find her exploring botanical gardens, searching for her next foodie joint, spending time with her big family or hiking around local trails after a good coffee or matcha fix.

## EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

*Bella The Bumblebee* is the perfect book for promoting environmental awareness and to educate and inspire children to take care of the planet and its inhabitants. It encourages children to wisely use their emotional superpowers and shows them the power of RESPECT. Included is a fact file of lots of interesting facts for children to learn about bumblebees and their habitat.

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

**Read the book together, asking questions throughout.**

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. *Bella The Bumblebee* is set in Scotland. Have you been to Scotland?
3. Have you ever seen a bumblebee? What do you know about them? Why are bumblebees important for the environment?
4. Explain what the word 'endangered' means to the children (a species which is seriously at risk of extinction.) Extinct means that the species no longer has any living members.
5. Why do you think certain animals and birds are endangered? (The main reason species become endangered is loss of habitat – this can occur naturally but is more often caused by human interference.)
6. How does Rosie show respect?
7. Ask the children if they know what respect means? Give lots of different examples. Do they feel that respect can change the world? If yes, how do you show respect?
8. Read through the bumblebee facts together. Do you know any more facts?
9. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?

## ACTIVITY: DESIGN A POSTER

In the book, Rosie is committed to looking after the bumblebees in the school playground.

On the next page, have a go at designing your own poster to raise awareness about the endangered Great Yellow bumblebee. An endangered species is a species that is very likely to become extinct in the near future. Why not use some facts at the back of the book.

Here are some questions and things to think about when making your 'Save the bumblebee' poster.

Where does it live?

What does it eat?

Behaviours unique to it.

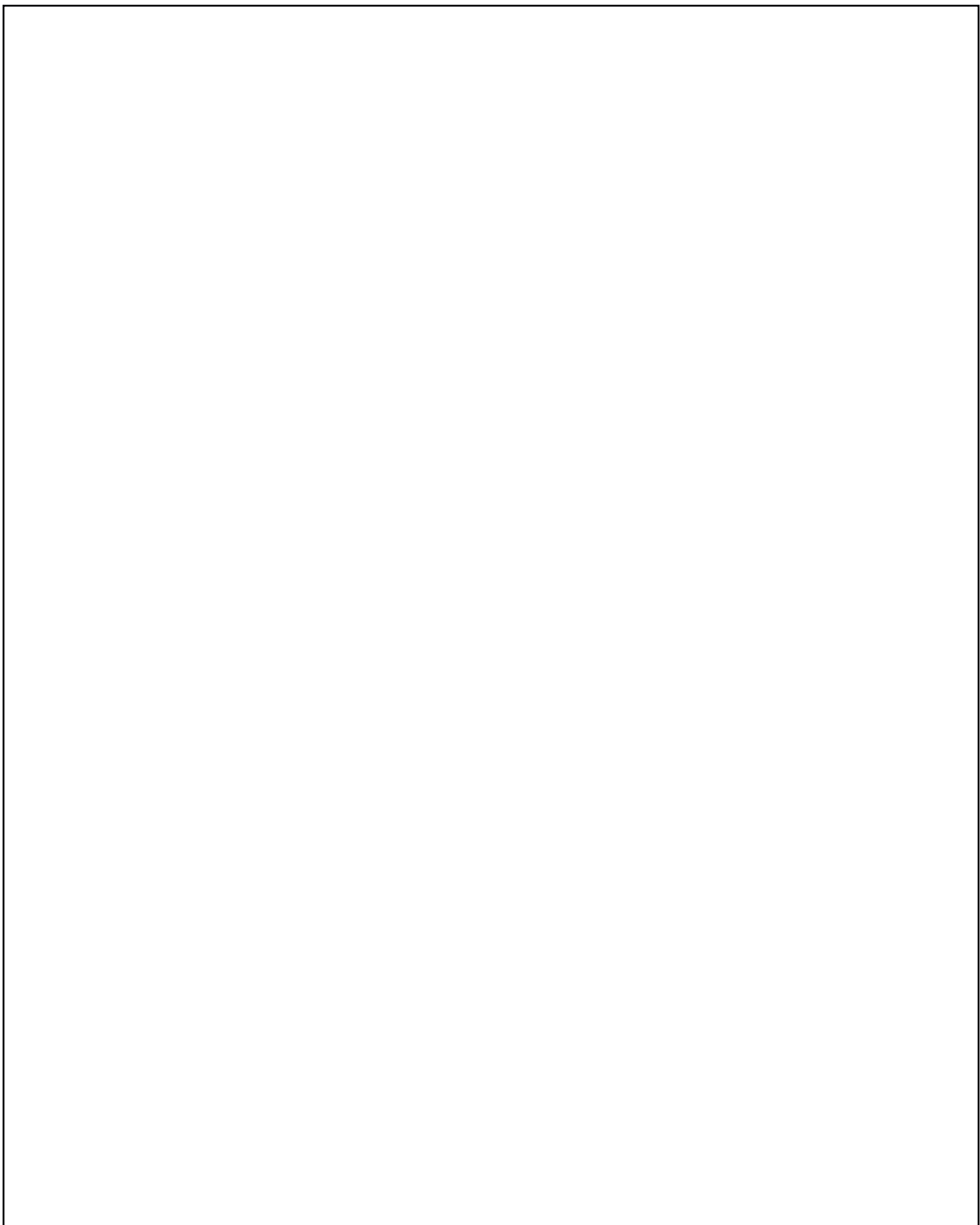
Why did it become endangered?

What is being done now to protect it?

How can people help with the conservation effort?



# SAVE THE BUMBLEBEE!



## RESPECT POEM

Make up an acrostic poem about respect using the word RESPECT. Having respect is treating others the way you would like to be treated.

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# BELLA THE BUMBLEBEE WORDSEARCH

Find all the words in the *Bella The Bumblebee* wordsearch.

## Bella The Bumblebee

E K L R H I M E I V T  
F D E R E G N A D N E  
D I E O H H R H E E N  
C T T I A E T M B T D  
N P I H S D N E I R F  
E N O P E O L H G L G  
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## CERTIFICATE OF RESPECT

How about giving this certificate to one of your friends who has shown RESPECT.  
You could always photocopy this page and then hand out lots of certificates

Ask an Adult to help you  
cut this certificate out

# Certificate of RESPECT

Awarded to



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**for being so thoughtful  
and considerate.**



*Respect can change the world!*

