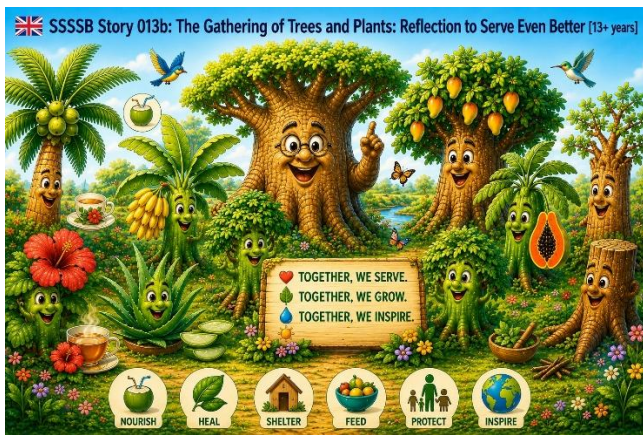


🇬🇧 English Version - SSSSB Story 013b: The Gathering of Trees and Plants: Reflection to Serve Even Better [13+ years]



One early morning, the trees and plants gathered in the garden of the Sri Sanjay Sai Congo Matadi Centre (SSSCMC). They wanted to reflect on how well they were serving people and animals and how they could do even better.

The wise Baobab tree, who had stood tall in Nepal and Congo for centuries, began the meeting: "We dedicate our whole lives to the world, but are we doing it well? Can we serve even more?"

The trees and plants nodded and shared their stories.

The Coconut Tree said: "I provide sweet water and nourishing fruit. My leaves and trunk are used for building huts and boats. People and animals depend on me for shelter and food."

The Banana Tree added: "I grow quickly and provide bananas all year round. My leaves are used for wrapping food and as natural plates. I am always here to feed people and animals!"

The Moringa Tree smiled: "My leaves heal and strengthen people. My seeds even purify water! I may be small, but my powers are great."

The Mango Tree said proudly: "My fruits make people happy, and my shade gives rest to tired travelers. Even birds love me because I provide them a safe place to rest."

The Papaya Tree added: "My fruits and leaves keep people healthy. Even my seeds have benefits. Without me, many people would feel weak."

The Teak Tree observed: "My wood is strong and lasts for centuries. People build their homes with me. But I always ask them: 'Are you planting new trees in return?'"

The Hibiscus Flower bloomed beautifully: "I bring color to life! My flowers are used in tea that strengthens the heart. In temples and ceremonies, I am offered as a symbol of love and purity."

The Aloe Vera Plant exclaimed: "I am the healer! My gel helps burns, wounds, and keeps skin healthy. Both people and animals rely on me for protection."

The Neem Tree nodded: "My leaves cure diseases, and my branches are used as natural toothbrushes. My shade brings relief on hot days. I protect and heal."

The Baobab Tree, the oldest of them all, smiled and said: "I have seen generations come and go. My fruits quench thirst, my trunk stores water, and my roots keep the earth firm. I am here to serve, just like all of you."

All the trees and plants started complimenting each other:

The Baobab told the Moringa: "You are small but mighty! Without you, people would not be as healthy."

The Aloe Vera told the Coconut Tree: "You provide water and nourishment, you are essential to many!"

The Banana Tree told the Hibiscus: "Your flowers make the world more beautiful and bring joy to many hearts!"

After this gathering, the trees and plants promised to continue serving even better.

**Today's question:** What things do we do for people, animals, and plants? And can we do even more?