



Isikhathi sokufunda nokutlola ndawonye!

Nange ukholelwa bona abantwana bakho bazokuba bafundi nabatloli abaphumelelako begodu ubatjela lokho, nabo bazokukholelwa bona bangaba bafundi nabatloli abaphumelelako. Esikhathinesi samalanga wokuphumula, yenza isikhathi sokubacocela iindaba, ufunde bewutlola nabo, lokho kuzobenza babone iindlela zokuthi ukufunda nokutlola kunganelisa njani begodu kuzuzise.



Time to read and write together!

If you believe that your children will become successful readers and writers, and you let them know this, they will also believe that they can be successful readers and writers. This holiday season, take the time to tell them stories and to read and write with them, and they will experience the ways in which literacy can be satisfying and useful.

Ukwenza ukufunda nokutlola kube yingcnywe yekhaya lakho

- Yenza ihlelo lokufunda. Zibekela isikhathi njalo ngelanga sokufunda nokucoca iindatjana.
- Ukucoca iindatjana. Cocela abantwana bakho iindatjana, uvume iingoma bewurhayene neemilozelo neenkondlo ozaziko. Lokhu kuyinto elulukeza imikhumbulo yabo beyithuthukise ukuzicabangela nokuzenzela iinthombengcondo. Lalela neendatjana zabo begodu ukhumbule ukutjengisa ukuthokoza.
- Sebenzisa ilimi lekhaya (lokubelethwa). Iindatjana zokuthoma kumele zibe ngelimi lomntwana lokubelethwa namkha elikhulunywa ekhaya. Isisekelo esiqinileko ngamalimi wekhaya kusiqinisekiso esiqakathekileko sokuphumelela ekufundeni – ukufaka hlangana ukufunda nokutlola – ngombana bafunda kuhle, kumele bazwisisa kuhle.
- Iba sibonelo kabanye. Yenza bona abantwana bakho bakubone ufunda iincwadi uzifundela ubumnandi kunye nokufumana ilwazi.

Making literacy part of your home

- Create a story routine. Set aside time every day to read and/or tell stories.
- Tell stories. Tell your children stories, sing songs and recite poems you know. This stimulates their imagination and develops their language. Listen to their stories too, and remember to show your appreciation.
- Use your home language. First stories should be in your children's home language. A strong foundation in their home language is the key to all successful learning – including learning to read and write – because to learn well, they need to understand well.
- Be a role model. Let your children see you reading for pleasure and to find information.

Woke umuntu unendima ayidlalako

- Yenza kube nesikhathi sokwabelana ngeendatjana ezizokuthatjela malunga womndeni ndawonye. Kanye ngeveke, nikela ilunga elinye nelinye elihlukileko lomndeni iithuba linicocele indatjana ngesikhathi sokudla kwantambama.
- Vakatjhela ibulungelo leencwadi ndawonye. Zinikele isikhathi esaneleko sokuphenya nokufuna hlangana neencwadi ezikhona bese ukhulumisana nabantwana bakho ngalezo abazikethako ngaphambi kokuthatha isiqu nto ngeencwadi ozoziboleka.
- Yakha ukuzithemba ebantwaneni. Yamukela uthande ukulinga kwabantwana bakho ukuzifundela, njengalokha wathabela ukwazi kwabo ukubiza igama lokuthoma! Balalele begodu kwakwazela okungabancani lokha benza kwangathi bayafunda – abantwana bamele baziphathe njengabantu abafundako ukuze babe bathandi bokufunda!

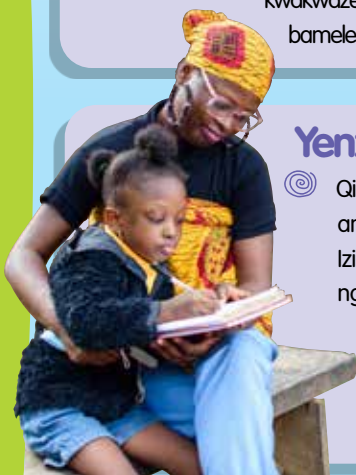


Everyone has a role to play

- Create story times that the whole family can enjoy together. Once a week, let a different family member tell a story during supper time.
- Visit the library together. Allow plenty of time to browse, then chat to your children about their choices before they make their final decision about which books to borrow.
- Develop children's confidence. Value your children's attempts to read on their own, just like you valued their first words! Also listen to and praise your younger children when they pretend to read – children need to behave like readers to become readers!

Yenza abantwana bakho bakwazi ukutlola

- Qinisekisa bona unamaphepha, iimpensela zemibalabala, amabholpheni kunye neempensela zokutlola ezaneleko ekhaya. Izinto lezi zibeke endaweni lapha abantwana bazokwazi ukuzifikela ngokwabo ukwenzela bona bazokwazi ukudweba nokutlola lokha bakhanuka ukwenza lokho.
- Yenza iincwajana ngokuqobotjhela amaphepha ndawonye bese nitlola iindatjana wena nabantwana bakho. Abantwana abancazana bangadweba iinthombe.



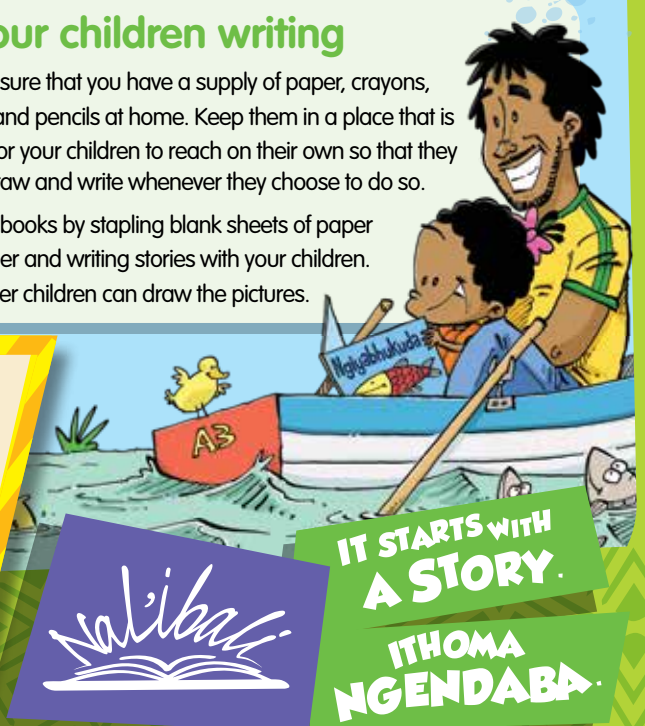
Get your children writing

- Make sure that you have a supply of paper, crayons, pens and pencils at home. Keep them in a place that is easy for your children to reach on their own so that they can draw and write whenever they choose to do so.
- Make books by stapling blank sheets of paper together and writing stories with your children. Younger children can draw the pictures.

Ungakhohlwa bona sizokuphumula bekube sevekeni yokuthoma kaFebherbari 2024. Uthabele amalanga wokuphumula begodu ube nathi godu emnyakeni omutjha ozako bona ufumane iindaba zemilingo zabakwaNalibali! Okwanjenga nje, vakatjhela i-www.nalibali.org namkha thumela igama elithi "stories" nge-WhatsApp ku-0600 44 22 54 bona uragele phambili uziithabisa ngokufunda!



Don't forget that we will be taking a break until the first week of February 2024. Enjoy the holidays and join us in the new year for more Nalibali reading magic! In the meantime, visit www.nalibali.org or WhatsApp "stories" to 0600 44 22 54 to keep reading for enjoyment!



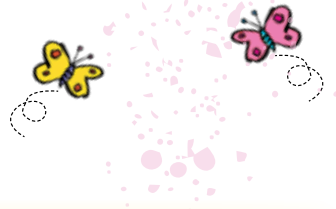


Imbewu Yokufunda Nokutlola!

Nibe namalanga wokuphumula amnandi ninabantwana benu

Literacy Seeds!

Happy holidays with your young ones



Babelethi abathandekako nabatlhogomeli babantwana abancani, imindeni eminengi iqale phambili emakhambweni aya eendaweni ezihlukahlukeneko zenarha bona bayokuvakatiyhela imindeni nabangani ngeenkhathe zamalanga wokuphumula wangoDisemba. Ngebanga lokuhlela enizokwenza, wena nabantwana bakho abancani nizokuthabela ikhambho nesikhathi enizabe ningekho ngaso ekhaya khudlwana!

Iinyeleliso zekhambo

- ☉ Hlela bona nibe neendawo ezinengi enizokujama kizo benidle ukudla okulula. Abantwana abakghoni ukuhlala isikhathi eside bangenzi litho njengabantu abakhulu. Batlhoga nokuthi badle ukudla okunepilo njengeentlobo bona bondle imizimbabo esakhulako.
- ☉ Lokha nawujamako bona uthole ipetroli namkha niya ngeendwaneni zokuzithuma, fumana nendawo ephaphile yokuthi abantwana bakho bakghone ukugijima gijima behlise amandla abanawo.
- ☉ Paka isikhwama esincane somntwana ngamunye esinezinto zokudlala. Faka amaphepha wokudwebela namkha wokutlola, amaphepha wemibala, amapensela wemibala namapeni. Begodu ufake neencwadi abazithandako ezinenthombe bona bazifunde. Vakatiyhela iwebhusayidi yethu ku- www.nalibali.org bona ufumane amakhasi agadangisiweko namakarada weendaba.



Dear parents and caregivers of young children, many families look forward to travelling to different parts of the country to visit family and friends over the December holiday period. With a bit of planning, you and your young children will enjoy the trip and the time away from home even more!

Travelling tips

- ☉ Plan for more stops and snacks. Young children cannot sit still for as long as adults. They also need healthy snacks like fruit to feed their growing bodies.
- ☉ When you stop for fuel and toilet breaks, find a safe place for the young ones to run around and get rid of pent-up energy.
- ☉ Pack a small activity bag for



each child. Include some paper for drawing or writing, colouring-in pages, coloured pencils and pens. Also include a favourite picture book to read. Visit our website at www.nalibali.org for printable activity pages and story cards.

Yenza isiqiniseko sokuthi indawo enizokuhlala kiyo iphephile bona kungahlala abantwana

- ★ Yenza isiqiniseko sokuthi umntwanakho unendawo ehle yokulala enganatiyhada begodu enomoya ohlwengileko. Umbhede kufuze ube namahlangothi azokuvikela umntwana bona angagedeki bese uyawa.
- ★ Nange kuneentepisi, fumana iyege namkha into ezokukhanda umntwana namkha isana lakho lingayi eentepisini.
- ★ Qala bona iindawo zokudlala azinazinto ezibukhali namkha eziphekile ezigedeka phasi.
- ★ Umuntu omkhulu kufuze agade abantwana nabadlala eduze nemigqomu yamanzi namkha emadamini. Umntwana angaqwila ngijitho nemanzini angatjhi ngi khulu.
- ★ Yenza abantwana babe kude ngezanga elifaneleko neendawo zokuphekela nezokubasela inyama.
- ★ Yazi ukuthi ungafumana kuphi ngokurhabako begodu njani isizo elirhabako.



Make sure the place that you stay at is safe for children

- ★ Make sure your baby has a set place to sleep that is quiet and has fresh air. The bed or cot should have sides to stop your baby from rolling off the bed.
- ★ If there are stairs, find a gate or other barrier to keep your baby or toddler away from the steps.
- ★ Check that play areas do not have sharp or broken objects lying around.
- ★ An adult needs to watch children when they play near buckets of water or dams. A baby can drown in even a few centimetres of water.
- ★ Keep children at a safe distance from cooking and braai areas.
- ★ Know how and where to find medical help quickly.

(Ithathwe kusukela kwethi, *Planning holidays with children*; <https://raisingchildren.net.au>)

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Izinto eningazithabisa ngazo ninabantwana

Amalanga wokuphumula mathuba amahle wokuba nesikhathi esinengi nabantwana bethu. Khumbula bona pheze zoke izinto zimathuba wokucoca namkha wokwenza indaba! Ukudlala kwakha ikghono labantwana bakho lokuzakhela isithombe emkhumbulweni.

- 1. Ukufunda ngeenqabo.** Sebenzisa imisamedlwana, imisamelo emikhulu, iingubo ezithambileko namamada ukwenza ukufunda ngeenqabo kubemnandi ebantwaneni bakho nakilabo abasese bancani khulu, bona badlule kizo. Bazokuthanda "ukudlula" emabhokisini avuleke ekugcineni namkha emathaneleni enziwe ngeengubo ezimbeswe eentulweni. Khasa udlule esiqabweni bona utjengise abantwana bakho ukuthi kufuze benzeni.
- 2. Yenzani ukudla ndawonye.** Abantwana, nalabo abasese bancani khulu bayakuthabela ukulinga ukudla okutjha nange basizile nakwenziwako. Nabakusiza ngokuhlenganisa, ukuthela nokuphatha iintshaka, amakghonwabo amahle wokusikinya umzimba nokusebenzisana kwezandla namehlo nawo azokuqina. Tlamba ukurayima, ingoma namkha indaba ngokudla njengombana nenza ukudla. Ngokwesibonelo, yenza kwangathi uyimvubu nawuvula umlomo wakho nawudla ukudla okulula.
- 3. Zenzeleni amathoyisi.** Sebenzisa izinto zangamalanga ezifumaneka ekhaya, njengeeqetjhana zamatjhila, iwula neenkunye bona nizenzele amathoyisi nemidlalo. Sebenzisa amathoyisi eniwenzileko bona ucoce indaba.
- 4. Yenzani umqaliso.** Abantwana bayakuthanda ukwenza umdlalo ube ngewamambala! Ukwenza umqaliso wamalunga womndeneni nabangani kunikela abantwana bakho ibanga elizwakalako lokumbatha, batjho namkha bavume iingoma barayime bebagide. Begodu ayikho into ethabisa abantwana bayo yoke iminyaka ukudlula ukubona nokuzwa abantu ababathandako bababuka begodu babawahlela izandla.

Fun activities with young children

Holidays are wonderful opportunities to spend more time with our children. Remember that almost every activity is an opportunity to tell or make up a story! Play also builds the imaginations of young children.

- 1. An obstacle course.** Use cushions, pillows, soft blankets and mats to make an exciting obstacle course for your baby or toddler to move through. They will love going "through" boxes that open at each end or tunnels that are made with blankets draped over chairs. Crawl through the obstacle course to show your little one what to do.



- 2. Make a meal together.** Toddlers are more likely to try new foods if they have helped to prepare them. When they help you to mix, pour and handle ingredients, their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination will also be strengthened. Make up a rhyme, song or story about food while you make the meal. For example, pretend to be a hippopotamus when you open your mouth wide to eat a snack.

- 3. Make your own toys.** Use everyday items that can be found at home, like pieces of material, wool and buttons, to make your own toys and games. Use the toys that you make to tell a story.

- 4. Put on a show.** Children love playing make believe! Putting on a show for their family members and friends gives young children the perfect reason to dress up, say or sing their favourite rhymes and songs, and dance. And children of all ages love nothing more than to see and hear their loved ones cheering and clapping for them.

Ezinye izinto eningazithabisa ngazo!

- ★ Yenzani ipikniki. Faka ukudla kwenu epakaneni bese niyokudlela ephageni namkha esivandeni sakho. Yiza namathoyisi wabantwana bakho abawathandako epiknikini.
- ★ Khambani niyokukhempha. Yakha itende ngeengubo namatjhila. Itende yindawo ehle yokufunda nokucoca iindaba!
- ★ Yenza indawana yokutjala. Yenza indawana esivandeni lapho abantwana bakho bangenza khona isivande abangadlalela kiso. Tjala amabhloму, iintshaka, ispinatjhi namkha nanyana ngisiphi isitjalo esikhula msinyana. Beka iingobho ezidala bona kwenjiwe ngazo, amakhonteyina bona kutjatlwe ngakiwo namathoyisi wepulasitiki esivandeni.

(Ithathwe kususela kwethi-Ideas on keeping your kids stimulated & entertained this holiday!; Things to do in Cape Town With Kids Magazine; <https://thingstodowithkids.co.za>)



More fun things to do!

- ★ Go on a picnic. Pack your lunch and enjoy it at the park or in your garden. Bring your children's favourite toys to the picnic.
- ★ Go camping. Build a tent with blankets and sheets. A tent is a great place to read and tell stories!
- ★ Make a garden patch. Mark out a small patch in the garden where your children can create an outdoor play garden. Plant flowers, herbs, spinach, or any other plant that grows quickly. Place old spoons for digging, containers for planting and plastic animal toys in the garden.

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Yiba nekghono!

Yenza iinunwana ngombobho wethitjhu

Get creative!

Make toilet roll bug puppets



Uzokutlhoga: imibhobho yamathitjhu, isikero, iphepha elinganamibala namkha elinemibala, amakhokhi, isinamathelisi, umkghabiso, iwula, iinkunupe namkha umncamo.

You will need: toilet roll tubes, scissors, plain or coloured paper, kokis, glue, glitter, wool, buttons or beads

1.



Igadangiso 1. Khetha bona ngiyiphi iinunwana ofuna ukuyenza.

Step 1. Choose which bug puppet you want to make.

2.



Igadangiso 2. Penda umbobho wethitjhu ngombala owufunako namkha uwuphuthela ngephepha elinemibala.

Step 2. Paint the toilet roll tube in the colour you want or wrap it with coloured paper.

5.



Igadangiso 5. Sika, upende bewunamathelise amaphiko eenunwaneni zakho.

- ★ Nange wenza iingkhongkhwani, sika indulunga ekulu ibe ziincenye ezimbili.
- ★ Nawenza iinyosi, sika iindulunga eziphakathi nendawo.
- ★ Nawenza amaviyaviyani, sika aboncantathu abanamahlangothi amajika.

Kghabisa iinunwana yakho ngomkghabiso, iinkunupe, imincamo nange wula.

Step 5. Cut, colour and paste wings on your bug puppets.

- ★ For ladybirds, cut a big circle in half.
- ★ For bees, cut medium-sized circles.
- ★ For butterflies, cut triangles with curvy sides.

Decorate your bugs with glitter, buttons, beads and wool.

3.



Igadangiso 3. Sika iindulunga ezimbili zephepha elimhlophe bese udweba amaqatjhaza amakhulu wenze amehlo namkha usebenzise iintikara zamehlo anamatheliswa. Namathelisa amehlo phezulu eduze nemaphethelweni wenunwana yakho.

Step 3. Cut two small circles of white paper and draw big dots for eyes, or use googly eye stickers. Paste the eyes near the top of your puppet.

4.



Igadangiso 4. Sika amaphonjwana amabili ephepheni elinzima bese uwanamathelisa ngaphakathi kodwana phezudlwana kombobho.

Step 4. Cut two antennae from black paper and paste them inside the top of the paper roll.



Khulisa ibulungelo lakho leencwadi.
Sika iingcenywe EZIMBILI wenze iincwadi

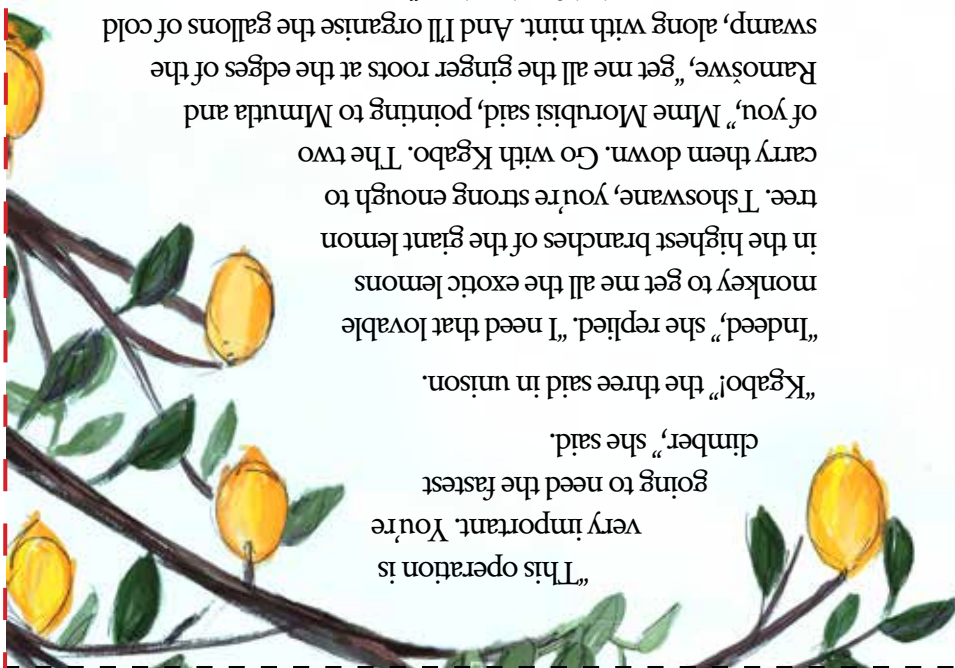
1. Sika amakhasi 5 kuya ku-12 wesengezelelo.
2. Iphepha elinamakhasi 5, 6, 11 no-12 enza incwadi yinye. Iphepha elinamakhasi 7, 8, 9 no-10 enza enye incwadi.
3. Sebenzisa amaphepha la ukwenza incwadi. Landela iinqophiso ezingenzasi ukwenza incwadi ngayinye.
 - a) Bhinca iphepha libe siquntu emudeni wamaqatjhaza anzima.
 - b) Libhince libe siquntu godu emudeni wamaqatjhaza ahlaza satjani.
 - c) Sika emideni yamaqatjhaza abomvu.



Grow your own library.
Create TWO cut-out-and-keep books

1. Take out pages 5 to 12 of this supplement.
2. The sheet with pages 5, 6, 11 and 12 on it makes up one book. The sheet with pages 7, 8, 9 and 10 on it makes up the other book.
3. Use each of the sheets to make a book. Follow the instructions below to make each book.
 - a) Fold the sheet in half along the black dotted line.
 - b) Fold it in half again along the green dotted line.
 - c) Cut along the red dotted lines.

“Umsebenzi lo ugakathake khulu. Nizakudinga umuntu okwazi ukukhwelela masinyana,” kwathi yena. “UKghabu!” abathathu laba bayho ngasikhathi sinye. “Kunjalo, ngityayidinga ifene ethandekako leyo bonyana ingitholele woke amalammune akhethekileko asemagatjeni aphhezulu womuthi wamalammune omkhulu. Tshoswane, uqine ngokwaneleko bonyana ungawaletha phasi. Khamba noKghabu. Nina nobalili,” kwathi uMma Morubisi, akhomba uMlinda noRamošwe, “ngitholelani yoke imirabhu yerhemere emphethweni wesiziba, kunye neminti. Begodu ngizakulungisa amalitha wamanzi amakhaza wesiyalu adingeka ekwenzeni intatha enamanla yomlingo.”



“This operation is very important. You're going to need the fastest climber,” she said. “Kgabo!” the three said in unison. “Indeed,” she replied. “I need that lovable monkey to get me all the exotic lemons in the highest branches of the giant lemon tree. Tshoswane, you're strong enough to carry them down. Go with Kgabo. The two of you,” Mme Morubisi said, pointing to Mlinda and Ramošwe, “get me all the ginger roots at the edges of the swamp, along with mint. And I'll organise the gallons of cold spring water needed for the elixir.”

This story is an adapted version of *Christmas elixir* published by Cadbury in partnership with Nal'ibali as part of the Cadbury Dairy Milk #InOurOwnWords initiative. Each story is available in the eleven official South African languages. To find out more about the Cadbury Dairy Milk #InOurOwnWords initiative titles, go to <https://cadbury.one/library.html>.

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Get story active!

- ★ What special drink would you make on a hot day? Write your list of ingredients and your method. Give your special drink a name.
- ★ If you could make a magical potion, what would happen to someone who drank it? What would you use to make the potion?
- ★ Make toilet roll puppets of Ntate Pidipidi, Ntate Segwagwa and Ntate Hlogo (see page 4). With your friends and family, take turns to use the puppets to role play each character as you sing your favourite songs!

Yenza indaba le ibemnandi!

- ★ Ngisiphi isiselo ongasenza nakutjhisa ilanga? Tlola irhelo leenthako zakho nendlela yokusenza. Thiya isiselo sakho esikhethekileko igama.
- ★ Nange ungenza isiselo somlingo, kuzokwenzekani emuntwini osiselako? Uzokusebenzisa ini ukwenza isiselweso?
- ★ Yenza uninwana yakaBaba Pidipidi, Baba Segwagwa noBaba Hlogo ngombhobho wethitjhu (qala ikhasi 4). Unabangani bakho nomnden, dlheganani ngokusebenzisa iinunwana bona nidlale indima yomlingiswa ngamunye njengombana nivuma iingoma zenu enizithandako!

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“Oh,” said Mme Morubisi. “Performing to a packed crowd in this heat is going to be a disaster indeed! I’m making a powerful elixir that will quench the thirst ...” But before she could finish, Mlinda interrupted: “Yes, a magic potion that will numb the audience’s senses to the terrible singing! Genius.” That’s not at all what Mme Morubisi intended. However, the heat ensured that the three weren’t in any mood to listen. Still, she was determined to help. “Nangambala,” kwathi uMma Morubisi. “Ukuvuma esiqubuthwini esikhulu emtyhisweni ongaka kuzokuba munomonakalo kwamambala! Ngenza intatha enamanla ezakugeda ukoma ...” Kodwana ngaphambi kobana aqede, uMlinda waphazamisa: “Iye, isihlahla somlingo esizakubulala imizwa yeembukele! mayelana nomvumo omumbi! Kuhlakanipha lokho.” Akusikho nakancani lokho uMma Morubisi agade akunqophile. Nanyana kunjalo, umtyhiso waqinisekisa bonyana abathathu ababi nawo umdlinda wokulalela. Nalapho, bekazimisele ukusiza.

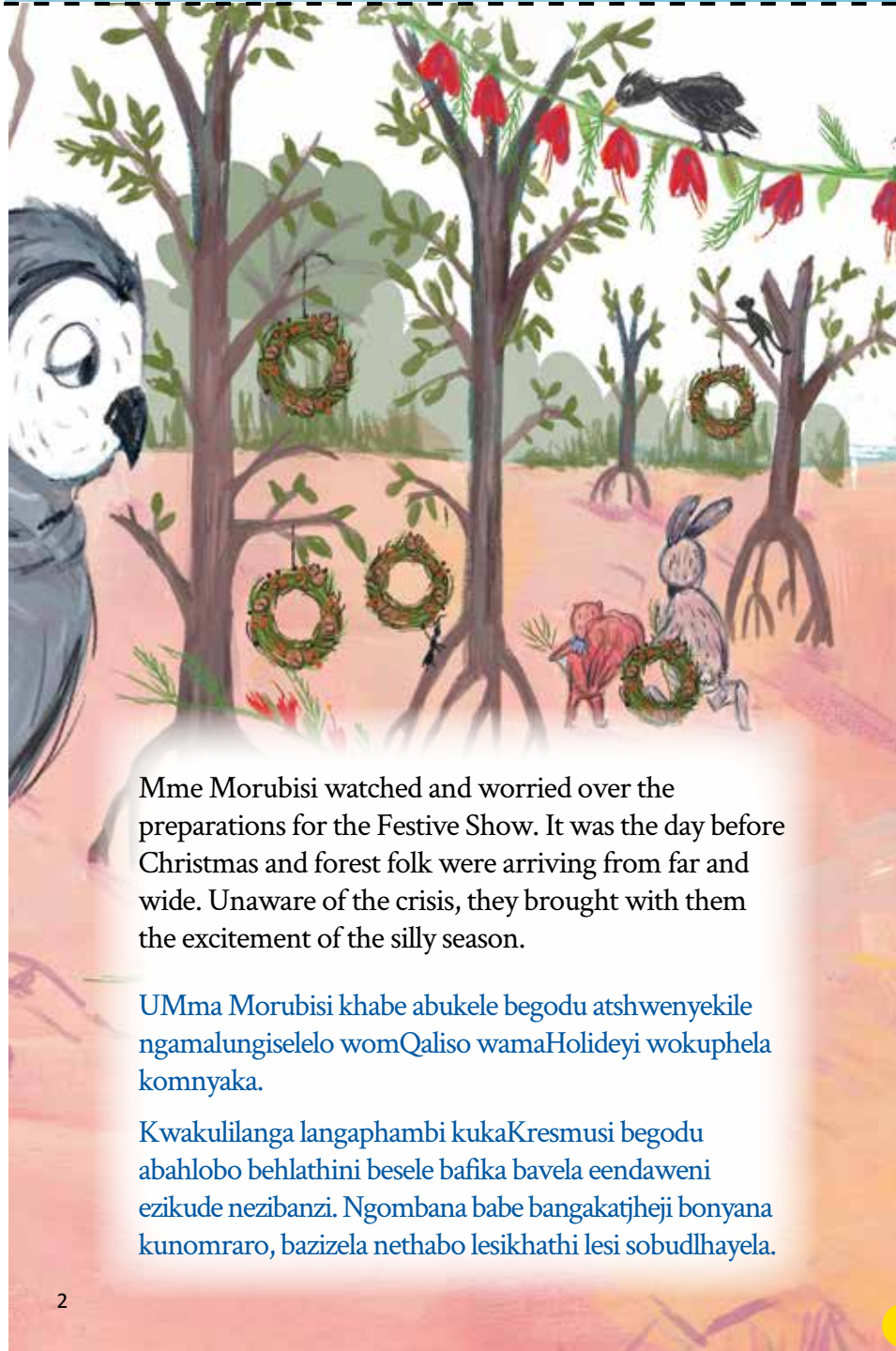
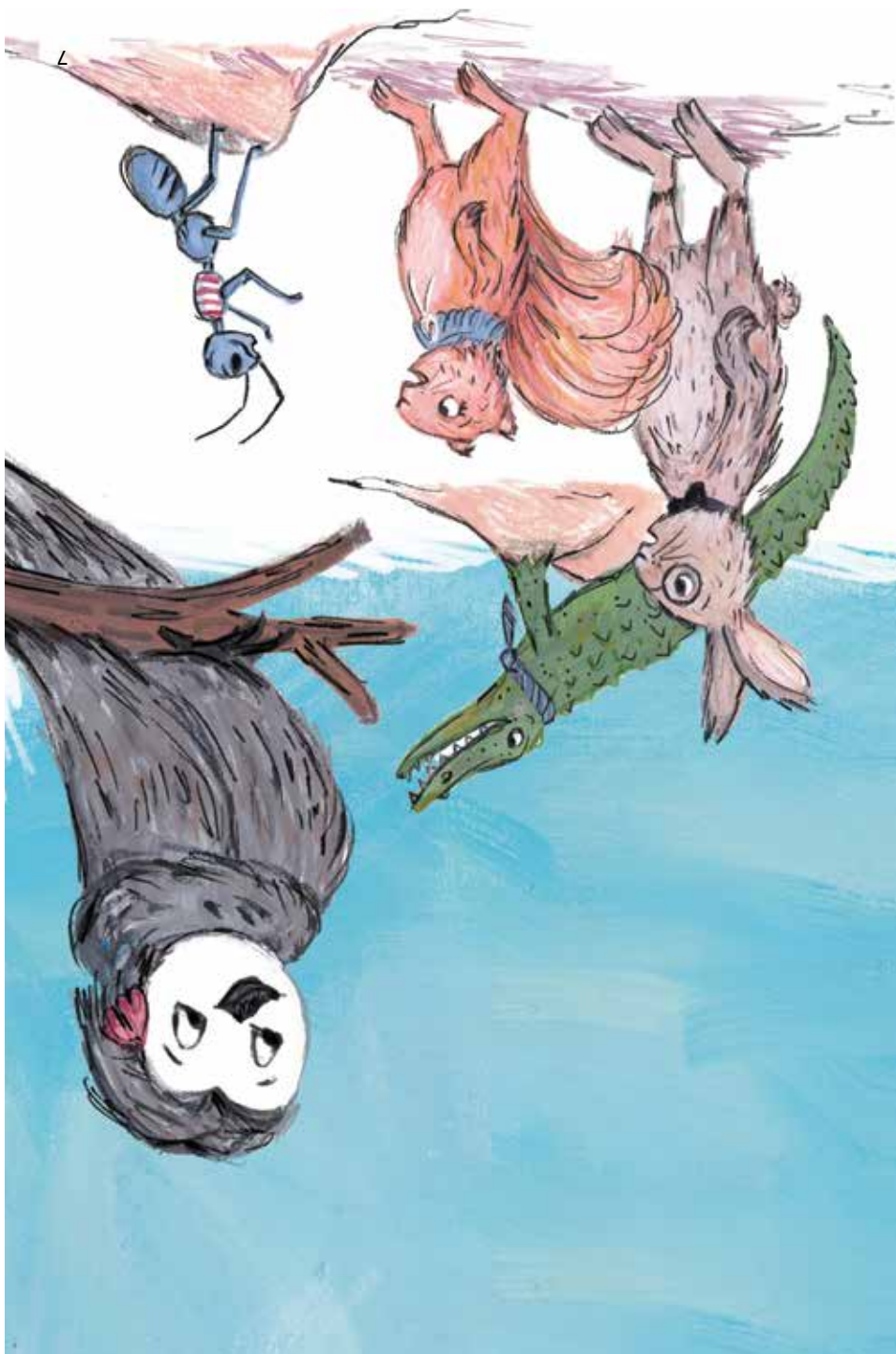


Intatha kaKresmusi

Bandile Sikwane • Elizabeth Sparg

Ideas to talk about: A special drink can make people feel better. In this story the special drink is supposed to be magical. Do you think that a drink can be magical? If you could make a magical drink, what would it do?

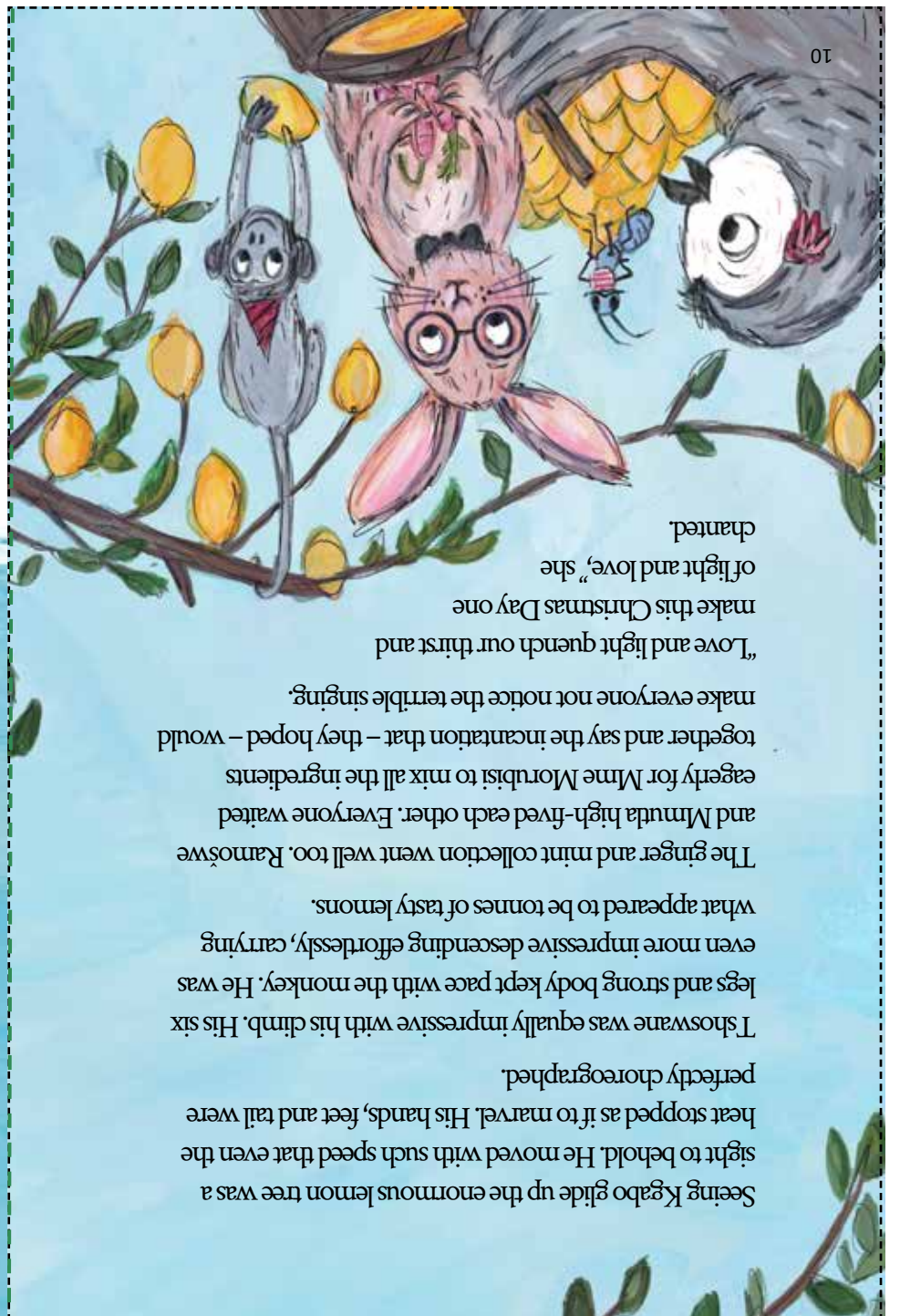
Eningacoca ngakho: Isiselo esikhethekileko singenza abantu bazizwe ngcono. Endabeni le isiselo esikhethekileko kufuze sibe ngesomlingo? Kghani ucabanga ukuthi isiselo singaba ngesomlingo? Nange ungenza isiselo somlingo, kungaba ngesinjani?



Mme Morubisi watched and worried over the preparations for the Festive Show. It was the day before Christmas and forest folk were arriving from far and wide. Unaware of the crisis, they brought with them the excitement of the silly season.

UMma Morubisi khabe abukele begodu atshwenyekile ngamalungiselelo womQaliso wamaHolidеyi wokuphela komnyaka.

Kwakulilanga langaphambi kukaKresmusi begodu abahlobo behlathini besele bafika bavela eendaweni ezikude nezibanzi. Ngombana babe bangakatjheji bonyana kunomraro, bazizela nethabo lesikhathi lesi sobudlhayela.



Seeing Kgabo glide up the enormous lemon tree was a sight to behold. He moved with such speed that even the heat stopped as if to marvel. His hands, feet and tail were perfectly choreographed. Tshoswane was equally impressive with his climb. His six legs and strong body kept pace with the monkey. He was even more impressive descending effortlessly, carrying what appeared to be tonnes of tasty lemons. The ginger and mint collection went well too. Ramošwe and Mmutla high-fived each other. Everyone waited eagerly for Mme Morubisi to mix all the ingredients together and say the incantation that – they hoped – would make everyone not notice the terrible singing. “Love and light quench our thirst and make this Christmas Day one of light and love,” she chanted.

“This is the best Festive Show, and the best Christmas Day, ever. Season’s greetings and congratulations to you,” Kwena told Mme Morubisi.

Ramošwe, Mmutla, Tshoswane and Kgabo turned and stared at Mme Morubisi. “You planned the show?”

“Yes, but not the weather, dears. Not the weather. But do enjoy the elixir, and season’s greetings to you too, Ntate Kwena,” she said with a relieved smile.

“Lo mQaliso wamaHolidеyi ongcono, begodu neLangablikaKresmusi, elingakhange khelibe khona. Iimfisela kuhle zesikhathi sokuphela komnyaka begodu siyakuthokozisa,” kwatjho uKwena kuMma Morubisi.

URamošwe, uMmutla, uTshoswane noKghabu bajika baqala ngakuMma Morubisi. “Nguwe ohlele umqaliso?” “Iye, kodwana ingasi ubujamo bezulu, zithandwa. Ingasi ubujamo bezulu. Kodwana zithabiseni ngentatha, begodu iimfisela kuhle zamalanga kaKresmusi, nakuwe godu, Baba uKwena,” watjho lokhu ngokumomotheka okutjhaphulukileko.

UMma uSmuts wabeka amasoseji anonileko apinki epuleyidini lakhe elihle bese wawabeka ngerageni. Bekazi kuhle ukuthi uzokwenzani ngawo. Bekazokwenza iTjhakalaka yakhe ekhamba phambili, emaphetheleweni bekazokurhabela amasoseji. Ngendlela leyo bekazokuba manengi.



Mama Smuts laid out the plump, pink sausages on her prettiest plate and put them in the cupboard. She knew exactly what she would make with them. It was to be her best-ever chakalaka and then, at the last minute, she would cut up the sausages and stir them in. That way, they would seem to go further.

Papa Smuts catches a big juicy fish for supper, but then swaps it for some plump sausages. The whole family can't wait to eat the delicious sausages for supper! But what has Mama Smuts done with them?

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UBaba uSmuts bekabambe ifesi emnandi ebebazoyidla ngedina kodwana wayiroyila ngamasoseji anonileko. Umndeni uqale phambili ekudleni amasoseji amnandi ngedina! Kodwana uMma uSmuts wenzeni ngawo?

Indaba le yenzelwe ngokukhethekileko iNal'ibali – ijima lephasi loke-lokufundela-ubumnandi ukuvuselela amandla wokwenza ngokucoca iindaba nokufunda.

Get story active!

- ★ What would you prefer eating, fish or sausages? Why?
- ★ Imagine that you are going to prepare a feast for your family. Make a list of the food you would make.
- ★ Now draw a picture of a festive table.

Yenza indaba le ibemnandi!

- ★ Bewungathabela ukudlani, ifesi namkha amasoseji? Kubayini?
- ★ Zicabange ngasuthi ulungiselela ukwenzela umndenekhenu umnyanya. Yenza irhelo lokudla ozokwenza.
- ★ Njeke dweba isithombe setafula yomnyanya.

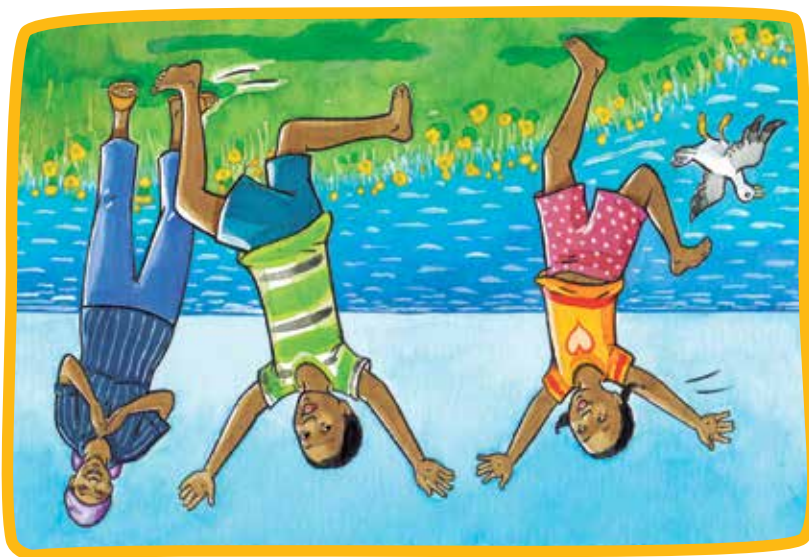
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Kwaba nethabo elikhulu lokha uBaba uSmuts atjela uMma uSmuts, uSannie noFrikkie ngelanga letjhudweli. Ngendlela ebekungayo, kwaba ngasuthi ulethe into eligugu ekhaya.

There was such excitement when Papa Smuts told Mama Smuts, Sannie and Frikkie about his lucky day. It was as if he had brought home treasure and, in a way, he had.



The feast



Umnyanya

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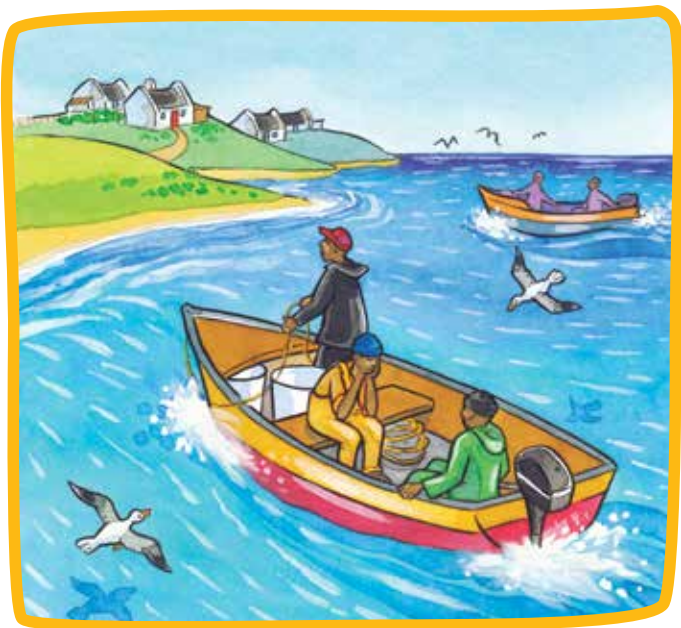
Ideas to talk about: Have you ever had a feast at home or at someone else's house? What did you eat? Does there have to be lots of expensive food for a meal to be a feast? What do you think?

Eningacoca ngakho: Kghani khenaba nomnyanya ekhenu namkha komunye umuzi? Wadlani? Kghani kufuze kube nokudla okunengi okudurako bona kube nomnyanya? Ucabangani?

UMaria wabuza wathi, “Kungaba njani nawungakhamba nento ehlukenileko, njengamasosaji la? Kghani angekhe kube yinto ethabisako?” UBaba uSmuts wacabanga kancazana akhange acabange isikhathi eside ngombana amasosaji bewagaleka amahle! Yeke uMaria noBaba uSmuts batyentjhisana ngemva kwalokho UBaba uSmuts wajarhela ekhaya.

Papa Smuts hurried on home. good! So Maria and Papa Smuts did a swap and for a moment because the sausages did look

moment, but only thought for a Papa Smuts be a real treat?” Now wouldn’t that these sausages? something like different home, took something Maria, “you “What if,” asked



Papa Smuts was a fisherman. But, fish were not as plentiful as they used to be and some days he came home empty-handed. Then poor Papa Smuts would feel really downhearted.

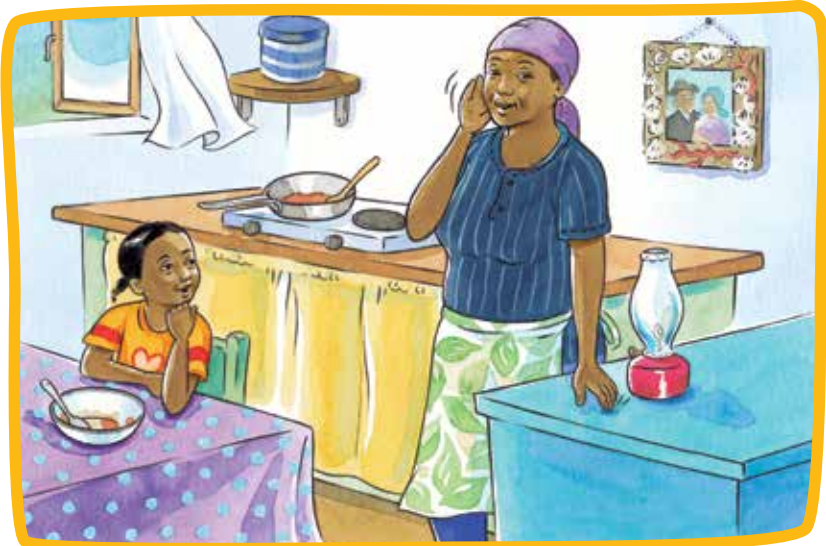
UBaba uSmuts bekamthiyi weemfesi. Kodwana iimfesi bezingasese zinengi ngendlela ebezijayele ukuba ngayo begodu ngelinye ilanga bekabuya ekhaya angakaphathi litho. UBaba wabantu uSmuts umoyakhe bewuba phasi.

UMma uSmuts wathabelela wathela ispayisi, asizwa nguSannie noFrikkie.



Mama Smuts chopped and sliced, diced and spiced, with the help of Sannie and Frikkie.

But then she thought, “Sausages for breakfast. What a treat!”



Kodwana wacabanga ukuthi, “Kuzokuba masoseji wekuseni. Qala into emnandi kangaka!”



Then, while Mama Smuts added a little bit of this and quite a lot of that, Sannie and Frikkie helped Papa Smuts set the table and pick a bunch of wild flowers to go on it.

Yeke, ngesikhathi uMma uSmuts bekafaka okuncani kwalokhu nokunengana kwalokha, uSannie noFrikkie basiza uBaba uSmuts ukulungisa itafula babuthlela namabhlonu bawabeka khona.

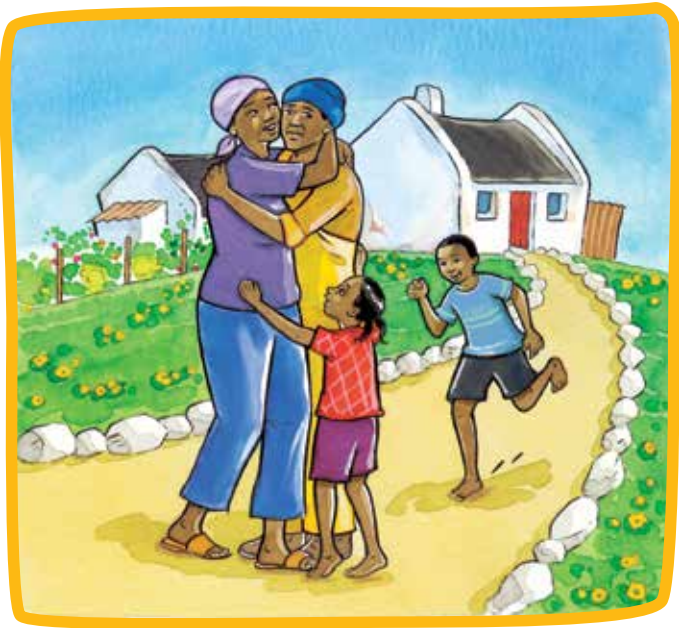


One lucky day, Papa Smuts caught five fish. He sold four and kept one to take home for dinner.

Ngelinye ilanga lethudu, uBaba uSmuts wabamba imfesi ezihlanu. Wathengisa ezine wathatha eyodwa wakhamba nayo ekhaya bona bayoyidla ngedina.

As Papa Smuts passed Maria's farm stall, she called out, "How much for the fish?" "Sorry, Maria," said Papa Smuts, "but this one is for our dinner."

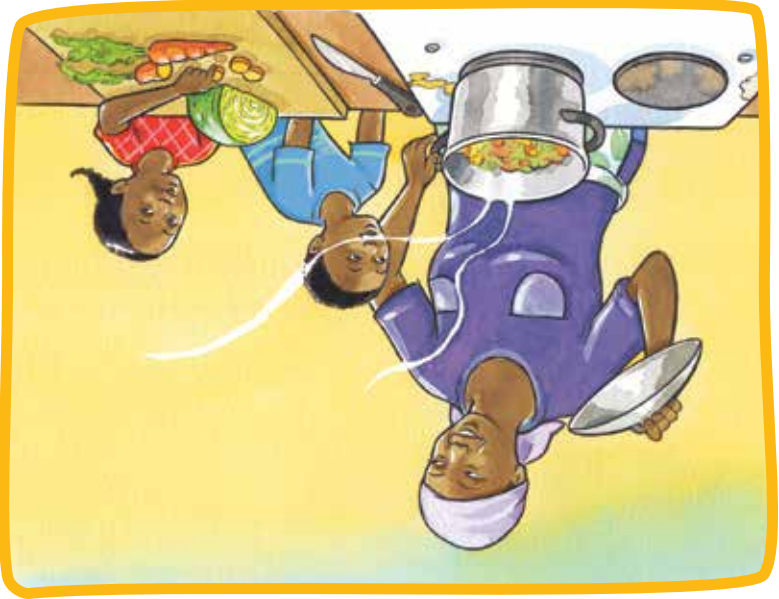
Njengombana uBaba uSmuts adlula esitolo esiseplasini kaMaria, wamthuwelela, "Malini ifesi?" "Ungilibalele Maria," kutho uBaba uSmuts, "le siyoyidla ngedina."



That's when Mama Smuts would give him a big hug and say, "We'll make ends meet." And Sannie and Frikkie would add, "We always do, Papa." And somehow they always did because ...

Kungesikhatheso uMma uSmuts ebekamanga ngaso athi, "Sizoyifumana indlela yokuziphilisa." Kuthi uSannie noFrikkie bangezelele ngokuthi, "Sihlala siyifumana Baba." begodu ngendlela ethileko bebahlala bayifumana ngombana ...

And no one, absolutely no one, could turn the reddest tomatoes, the greenest peppers, the crunchiest carrots and the crispiest cabbage into a more scrumptious meal than Mama Smuts, with the help of Sannie and Frikkie!



... no one could grow redder tomatoes, greener peppers, crunchier carrots and crispier cabbage than Papa Smuts, with the help of Sannie and Frikkie.

... akekho obekakghona ukukhulisa amatamati abomvu, igirini pheyipha, amakherotsi arhwamuzelako, ne khabitjhi erhwamuzelako njengoBaba uSmuts, asizwa nguSannie noFrikkie.

And then, at last, it was dinner time. And what a dinner!

“Mmm!” said Sannie.

“Mmm, mmm!” said Frikkie.

Emaswapheleni, besele kusikhathi samadina. Bekulidina elikhamba phambili!

“Yooo!” kutho uSannie.

“Yooo, yooo!” kutho uFrikkie.

And, “My, oh my . . . oh my!” said Papa Smuts. “I did not think it was possible, but this chakalaka is better than your best. Those sausages made all the difference!”

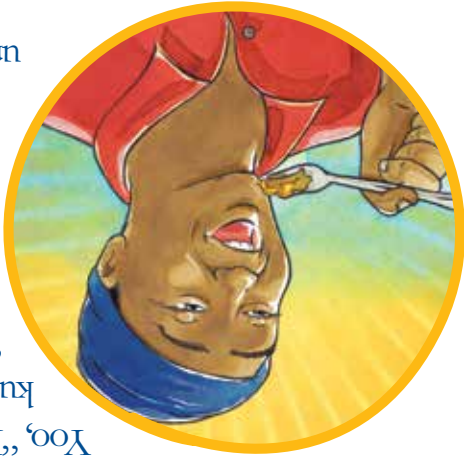
Yoo, “Maye, maye . . . maye!” kutho uBaba uSmuts.

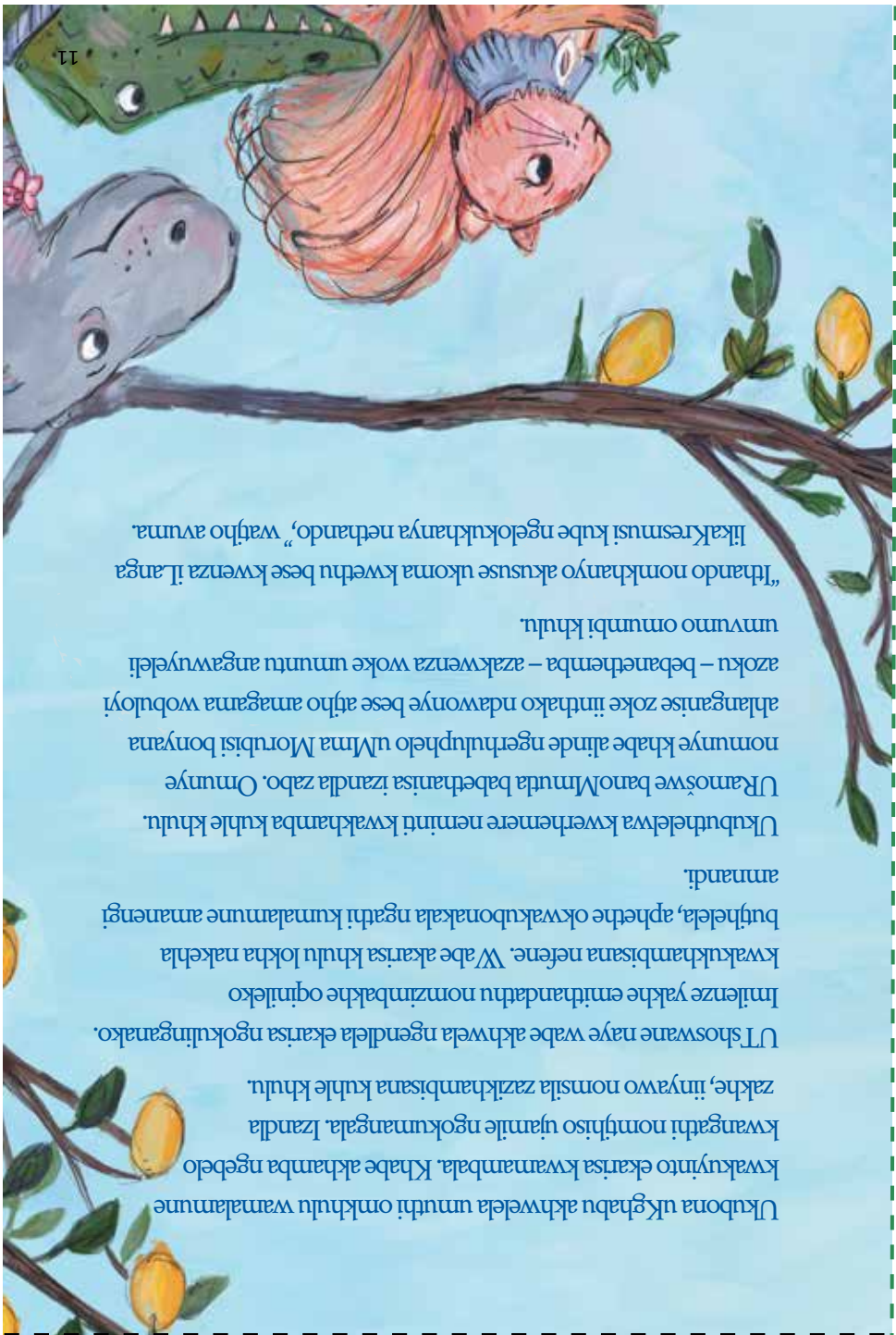
“Bengingacabangi bona lokhu kungenzeka kodwana iThakalaka le idlula zoke ezimandi okhe wazenza. Amasoseji la enze umehluko omkhulu!”



Mama Smuts said nothing. But, if Papa Smuts, Sannie and Frikkie had not been so busy tucking into seconds, they might have heard her let out a little gasp.

UMma uSmuts akhange atjho litho. Kodwana nange uBaba uSmuts, uSannie noFrikkie bebanganande basikima bayokuphakela godu nabadlako bebazomuzwa nakadosa umoya kancazana.

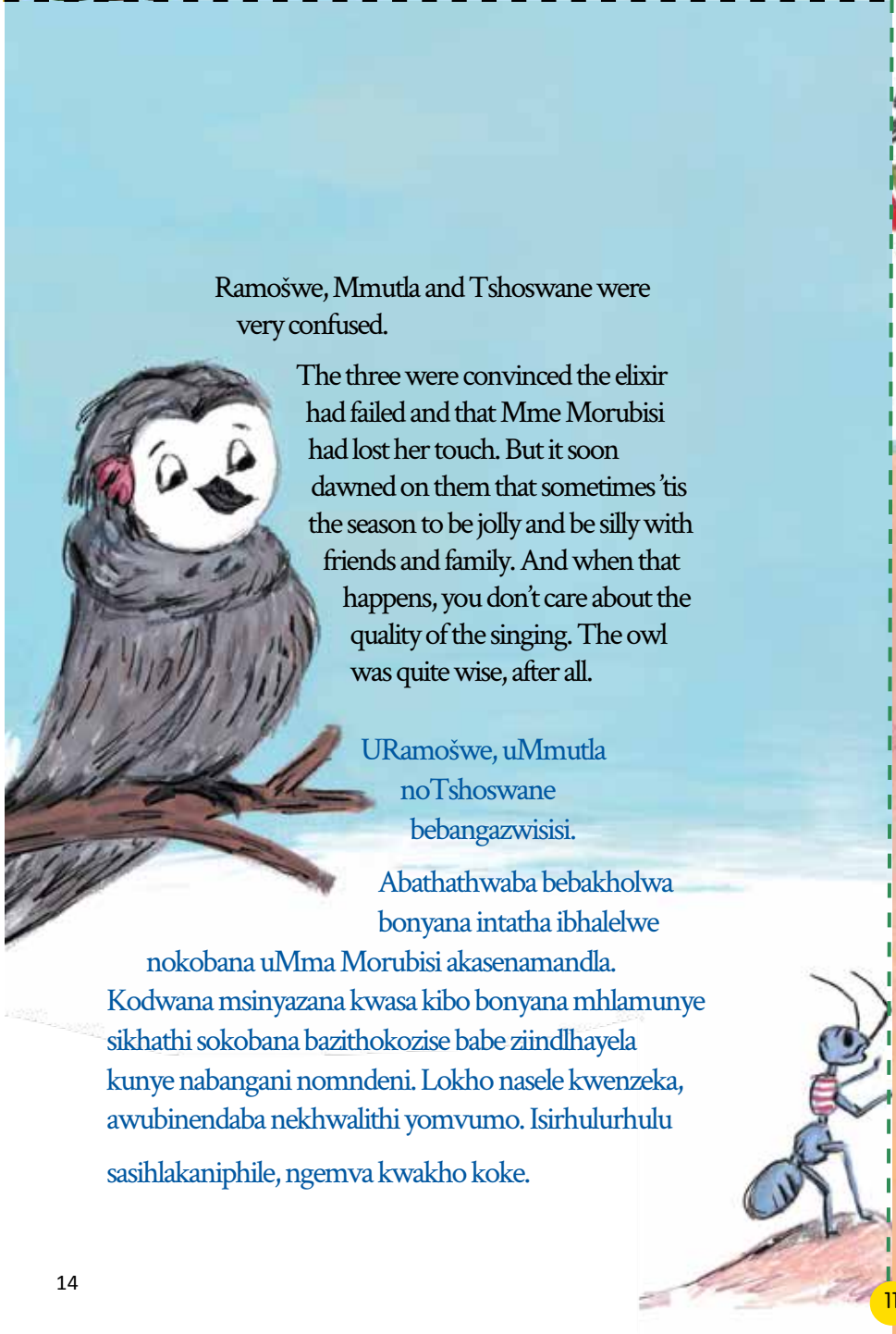




Ukubona uKgehabu akhwelela umuthi omkhulu wamalume kwakuyinto ekatisa kwamambala. Khaba akhamba ngebelo kwangathi normyiso ujamile ngokumangala. Izandla zakhe, iinyawo nomisila zazikhambisana kuhle khulu. U'Tshoswane naye wabe akhwelela ngendlela ekatisa ngokulinganako. Imilenze yakhe emithandathu nomzimbakhe oqinileko kwakukhambisana nefene. Wabe akatisa khulu lokha nakehla buqhelela, aphethe okwakubonakala ngathi kumalame amane ngi amnandi.

Ukubuthelwa kwethemere nemintu kwakhamba kuhle khulu. URamošwe banoMmutla babethanisa izandla zabo. Omunye nomunye khaba alinde ngerhuluphelo uMma Morubisi bonyana ahlanganise zoke imithako ndawonye bese atho amagama wobuloyi azoku – bebanethemba – azakwenza woke umuntu angawuyeleli umvumo omumbi khulu.

“Ithando nomkhanyo akususe ukoma kwethu bese kwenza il anga likakresmusi kube ngelokukhanya nethando,” wathi avuma.

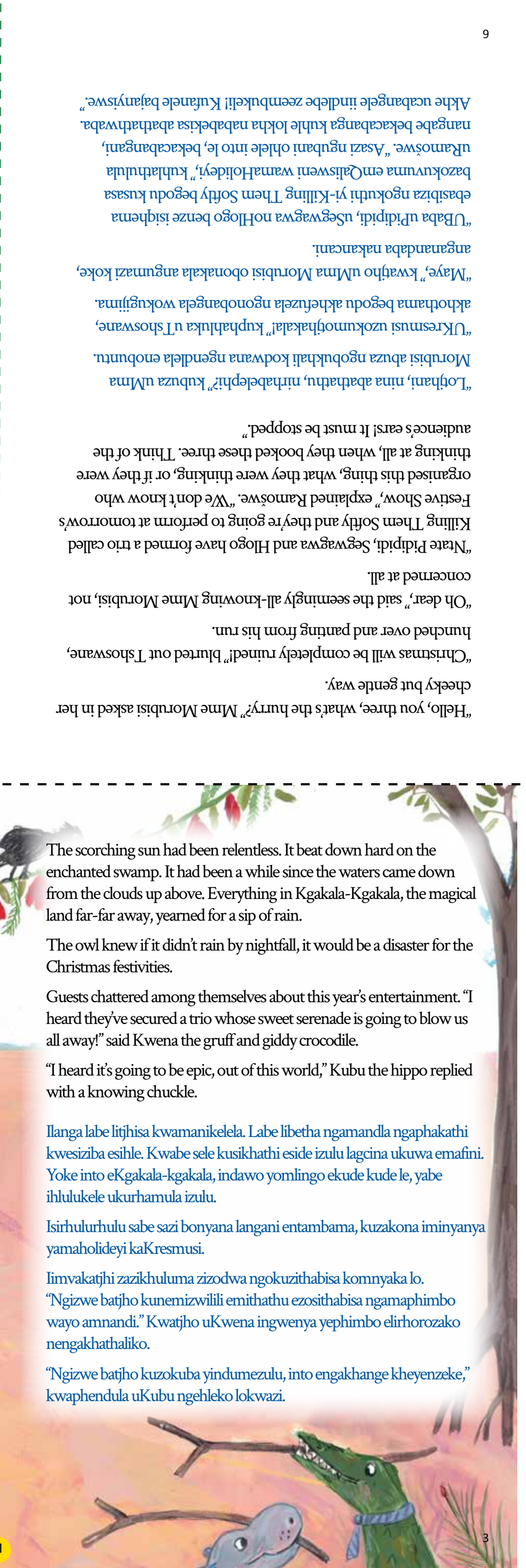


Ramošwe, Mmutla and Tshoswane were very confused.

The three were convinced the elixir had failed and that Mme Morubisi had lost her touch. But it soon dawned on them that sometimes 'tis the season to be jolly and be silly with friends and family. And when that happens, you don't care about the quality of the singing. The owl was quite wise, after all.

URamošwe, uMmutla noTshoswane bebangzwisisi.

Abathathwaba bebakholwa bonyana intatha ibhalelwe nokobana uMma Morubisi akasenamandla. Kodwana msinyazana kwasa kibo bonyana mhlamunye sikhathi sokobana bazithokozise babe ziindlhayela kunye nabangani nomndeneni. Lokho nasele kwenzeka, awubinendaba nekhwalithi yomvumo. Isirhulurhulu sasihlakaniphile, ngemva kwakho koke.



“Hello, you three, what's the hurry?” Mme Morubisi asked in her cheeky but gentle way.

“Christmas will be completely ruined!” blurted out Tshoswane, hunched over and panting from his run.

“Oh dear,” said the seemingly all-knowing Mme Morubisi, not concerned at all.

“Nate Pidipidi, Segagwa and Hlogo have formed a trio called Killing Them Softly and they're going to perform at tomorrow's Festive Show,” explained Ramošwe. “We don't know who organised this thing, what they were thinking, or if they were thinking at all, when they booked these three. Think of the audience's ears! It must be stopped.”

“Lothani, nina abathathu, nithabalephi?” kubuza uMma Morubisi abuza ngobukhali kodwana ngendlela enobuntu. Morubisi uzokumothakala! kuphahluka u'Tshoswane, akhothama begodu akheftuzela ngonobangela wokugijima. “Maye,” kwathi uMma Morubisi obonakala angumazi koke, anganandaba nakancani.

“UBaba uPidipidi, uSegagwa noHlogo benze isiqhema ebasibiza ngokuthi yi-Killing Them Softly begodu kusasa bazokuvuma emQalisweni wamaHolidiyei,” kuhlathulula uRamošwe. “Asazi ngubani ohle into le, bekacabangani, nangabe bekacabanga kuhle lokha nababekisa abathathwaba. Akhe ucabangele iindlebe zeembukeli! Kufanale bajanyiswe.”

The scorching sun had been relentless. It beat down hard on the enchanted swamp. It had been a while since the waters came down from the clouds up above. Everything in Kgakala-Kgakala, the magical land far-far away, yearned for a sip of rain.

The owl knew if it didn't rain by nightfall, it would be a disaster for the Christmas festivities.

Guests chattered among themselves about this year's entertainment. “I heard they've secured a trio whose sweet serenade is going to blow us all away!” said Kwen the gruff and giddy crocodile.

“I heard it's going to be epic, out of this world,” Kubu the hippo replied with a knowing chuckle.

Ilanga labe litjhisa kwamanikelela. Labe libetha ngamandla ngaphakathi kwesiziba esihle. Kwabe sele kusikhathi eside izulu lagcina ukuwa emafini. Yoke into eKgakala-kgakala, indawo yomlingo ekude kude le, yabe ihlulukele ukurhamula izulu.

Isirhulurhulu sabe sazi bonyana langani entambama, kuzakona iminyanya yamaholideyi kaKresmusi.

Imvakatjhi zazikhuluma zizodwa ngokuzithabisa komnyaka lo. “Ngizwe batjho kunemizwilili emithathu ezosithabisa ngamaphimbo wayo amnandi.” Kwathi uKwen ingwenya yephimbo elirhorazako nengakhathaliko.

“Ngizwe batjho kuzokuba yindumezulu, into engakhange kheyenzeke,” kwaphendula uKubu ngehleko lokwazi.



“Awucabangi bonzana igama leli lizama ukusiyela okuthileko?”
UMmunda, ikhondlo elihlakamiphileko, wabuza ngokumomotheka okujikeleko.
“Kwamambala banqophe ukubulala abantu kabuthaka ngomvumo wabo lowo,” kuphendula uRamošwe, unomathha omuhle ngomhla osituthulu.
“Kufanele sikugede lokhu. Khona nje!” kwagandela uTshoswane, uqhonqhwanani onamandla khulu.
“UKresmusi uzakumotheka!”
“Ngayavuma,” kwajho uRamošwe. “Baqaleni boke nje. Bathabekangangani. Abazi nokobana yinto embi kangangani abazoyizwa.”
“Ngithi asigijimani siye kuMma Morubisi. Uzakwazi bonzana enzeni,” uTshoswane wabeka umbono.

“Don’t you think the name is trying to tell us something?” Mmunda, a clever rabbit, asked with a wry smile.
“I really think they intend on killing people softly with their so-called singing,” retorted Ramošwe, a pretty squirrel with an enormous bushy tail. “We need to put an end to this. Immediately!” declared Tshoswane, the immensely strong ant. “Christmas will be ruined!”
“Agreed,” said Ramošwe. “Look at all of them. They are so excited. They have no idea what a terrible thing they are about to hear.”
“I say we run to Mme Morubisi. She’ll know what to do,” suggested Tshoswane.

Last year, Mme Thaha had sung so beautifully, everyone decided the Festive Show should be held every year. But this year the heatwave gave her heatstroke, and she had to pull out at the last minute.



Ntate Pidipidi and Ntate Segwagwa pounced at the opportunity to fill in as replacements.

It’s just that Ntate Pidipidi’s singing was truly terribly atrocious in every way. It was matched only by that of Ntate Segwagwa. Together they were the worst singing duo in the entire universe. However, for this year’s soiree, they had outdone themselves. They found an *even worse* singer, Ntate Hlogo – a gigantic shoebill. Together they formed a trio aptly called Killing Them Softly.

Ngomnyaka ophelileko uMma Thaha wavuma kamnandi khulu, omunye nomunye wathatha isiqu nto sokobana umQaliso wamaHolidayi kaKresmusi kufanele ubekhona qobe mnyaka.

Kodwana umnyaka lo umtjhis o mkhulu umbangele isitrowugu somtjhis, wafanela ukuphuma ngomzuzu wokugcina.

UBaba uPidipidi noBaba uSegwagwa beqela ithuba leli ukuzalisa njengabajamiseleli.

Kukuthi nje uBaba uPidipidi wabe anevumo ilibhimba ngeendlela zoke. Kwabe kufanelana nalokho kukaBaba uSegwagwa Nabandawonye bekuyipara yabavumi ababhimbako ephasini loko. Nofana kunjalo, emnyanyeni womnyaka lo, bazilungiselele ngokudluleleko. Bathola *netjhapha* lomvumi, uBaba uHlogo – unogolantethe o mkhulu. Batlama isiqhema sabathathu basibiza ngokuthi yi-Killing Them Softly.



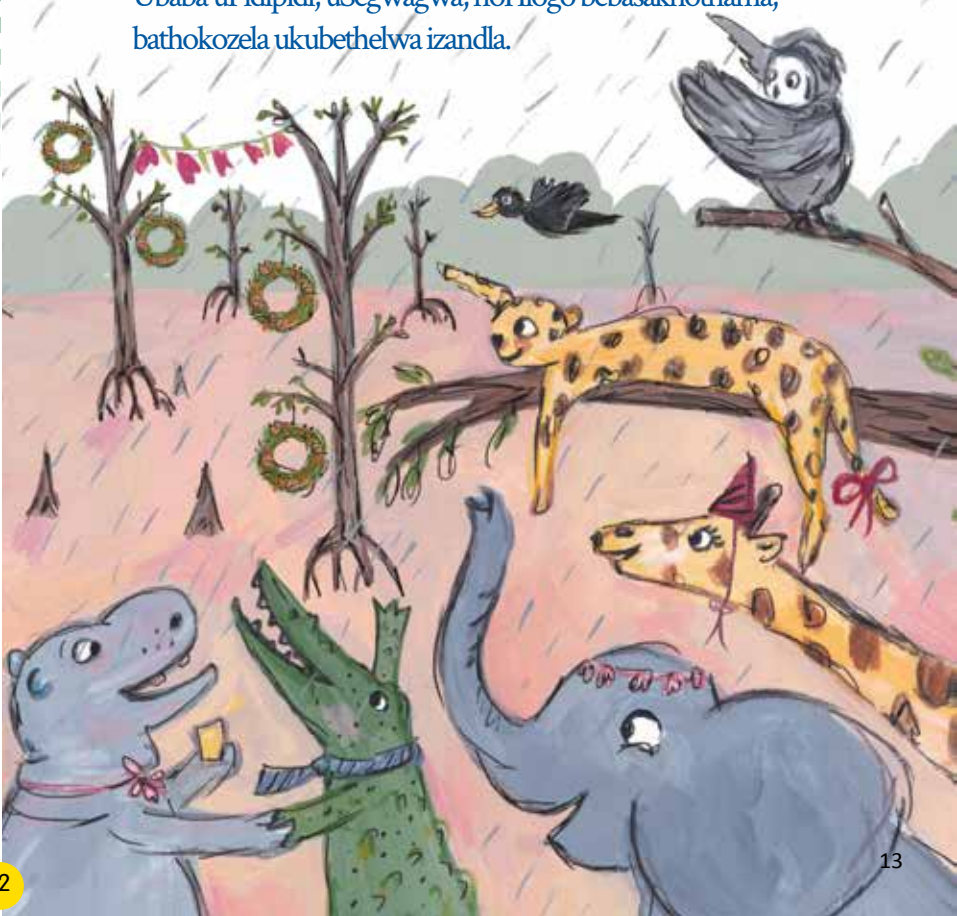
When Christmas Day arrived, it brought with it unbearable heat. The parched crowds drank Mme Morubisi’s refreshing elixir.
But by the start of the show, the clouds suddenly started rolling in. They gently let go of their water, cooling the crowds below, who were busy marvelling at the most horrible singing they’d ever heard.
They stayed enthralled by the monstrosity they were hearing. They even laughed and cheered.
Ntate Pidipidi, Segwagwa and Hlogo were still bowing, enjoying the applause.

Lokha iLanga likaKresmusi nalifikako, laletha umtjhis o ngajamelekiko. Isiqubuthu esomileko sasela intatha yomlingo eqabulako kaMma Morubisi.

Lokha nakuthoma umqaliso, amafu athoma ukukhuphuka. Adedela amanzi wawo kamnandi, apholisa isiqubuthu esingenzasi, ebegade simangalela umvumo omumbi esingakhange khesiwuzwe.

Bahlala bathatjiswe simanga esikhulu ebasizwako. Bahleka bebakwakwazelwa.

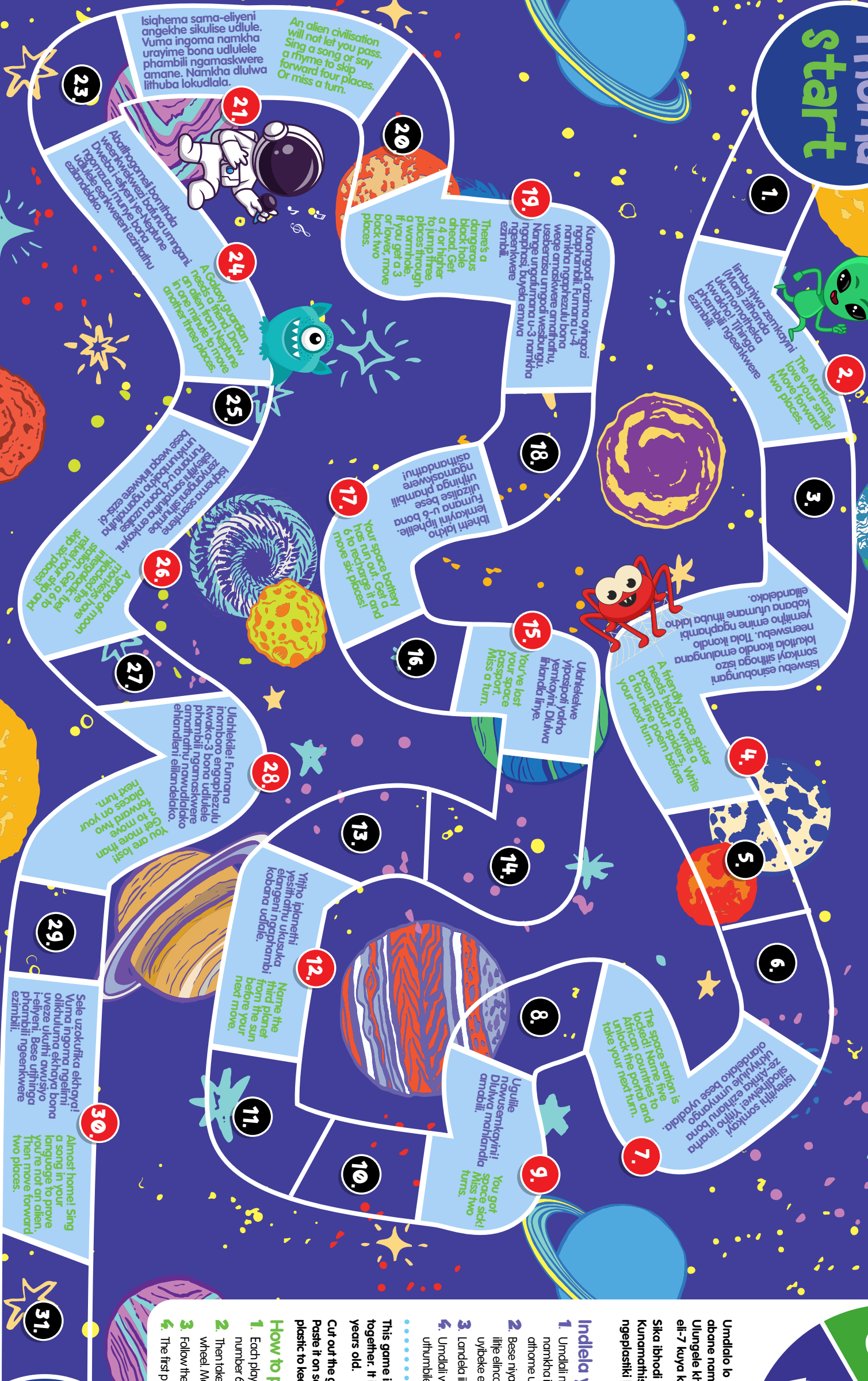
Ubaba uPidipidi, uSegwagwa, noHlogo bebasakhothama, bathokozela ukubethelwa izandla.



Aparhuybhuquli bemkayini!

Space Explorers!

Thoma
start



Umdlalo lo ulungele ukudlalwa babantu abane namkha abachlanu ngokubambisana. Uluqela khulu abantwana abaneminyaka eli-7 kuya kwele-12 ubudala. Sika ibhodi yomdlalo neveli elineenoboro. Kunamathisele ekhadihoxini uzikhavare ngeplastiki bona zihlale zihlwengile.

Indlela yokudlala:

1. Umdlali ngamunye kutuze aphose ikhoyini namkha ilile elincane kunenoboro 6 exilini bona aihome ukudlala.
2. Bese inyadlilegana ngokuphosa ikhoyini namkha ilile elincane exilini. Khambisa ikunye yokho uyibeke enombonweni yesikwere.
3. Landela iingophiso ezisesikwereni owale kiso.
4. Umdlali wokuhona ozakufika ku: **Qeda** uhlumbile.

This game is ideal for four or five to play together. It is best for children aged 7 to 12 years old.

Cut out the game board and number wheel above. Paste it on some cardboard and cover it with plastic to keep it clean.

How to play:

1. Each player must toss a coin or small stone onto number 6 of the wheel to start.
2. Then take turns to toss the coin or stone onto the wheel. Move your button that number of squares.
3. Follow the instructions in the square you land on.
4. The first player to reach **Finish** is the winner.

qeda
Finish



Nobukhwebezane, ikosazana yamanzi



NgoLuyanda Sikhakhane ■ Imidwebo nguNatalie noTamsin Hinrichsen

Qobe mnyaka ngoDisemba, bekuba sikhathi somnyanya weKwanzaa – bekusikhathi lapha kuhlalana khona imindeni yabelane ukudla iphane nezipho. Begodu qobe mnyaka ngelangelo uKhwezi, uLubo noMalaika bebavuka ngamasa batjinge emlanjeni. Endleleni bebavuma iingoma ezimnandi bebakhe nobukhwebe.

Abantazana abathathwaba bebhala bathabile, ngombana ngelangeli bebefumana ikosazana yamanzi, uNobukhwebezane, ibalindle emlanjeni. Nabatjidelako bebezwa iphimbo layo elimnandi ivuma:

"Vukani ma-Afrika ... iKwanzaa ifikile!"

Siphana izipho ezihle ... sijengisana ithando!"

Letha iinthelo, inyama namarhewu.

Asidleni, sigidinge ndawonye ... sijengisane ithando!"



Abantazanaba bebhala magega nomlambo balalele ingoma. Kuthi nakuphuma ilanga uNobukhwebezane bekabanikela abomantji abazele iinthelo nemirorho bona bakhambe nayo ngemuzini.

"Usale kuhle, Kosazana Yamanzi!" Bebarhuwelela njengombana bagijimela ekhaya ukwenzela bona

izakhamuzi zilungiselele umnyanya wokugidinga iKwanzaa.

Kodwana bekunento ehlala itshwenya uNobukhwebezane. "Ngizibuzisa ukuthi kubayini abantazanaba bangathokozi nabathatha abomantji abazele iinthelo nemirorho?" uyazibuzisa njengombana ahlezi yedwa.

Emuva le ngemuzini, boke abantu bebhlangana ekosini bambethe izambatho ezikhanyako nezinemibalabala. Ngaphandle kweentlo nemirorho ebuya ekosazaneni yamanzi, izakhamuzi beziza neentlo nenyama bese zipheka ndawonye njengombana abantwana badlala.

Ngemuva kobana izakhamuzi sezidlile, ziphana izipho zivume bezigide. Abantu abadala bebadlhegana ngokucoca iindaba abazithandako.

Ngomunye umnyaka, iKwanzaa nayifikako, uKhwezi, uLubo noMalaika bavuka bagijimela emlanjeni njengokujayelekileko bavuma bakha nobukhwebe nabasendleleni. Kuthe nasele batjidele emlanjeni batjheja ukuthi kunento engakhambi kuhle. Bebangamuzwa uNobukhwebezane nakavumako.

"Kghani kungenzeka bona uNobukhwebezane usalele?" kumangala uMalaika.

"Mhlamunye akazizwa kuhle," kutjho uKhwezi.

"Mhlamunye ukhohlwe ukuthi namhlanjisi kuthoma iKwanzaa," kutjho uLubo.

Nabafika emlanjeni, uNobukhwebezane bekangekho.

Kusesenalo, umkhanyo ohlabako wabavala amehlo. Kwezakala ilizwi elihlabako nelithusako lithi, "Nanyana ngubani ophiwa okuthileko kufuze athi ngiyathokoza! Mumukghwa omuhle loyo!" Umkhanyo wasuka, kwasala umkhanyo okude wokuphuma kwelanga ngehla kwemibundu. Abantazana bazizwa kabuhlungu nabatjhejako ukuthi bakhohlwe ukwenzani.

"Asikaze simthokoze uNobukhwebezane ngezipho zeKwanzaa! Sihlala sikhamba sijarhile," kutjho uLubo adanile.

Bathoma ukukhamba kabuthaka babuyela ekhaya iinhlizyo zabo zibuhlungu.

"Sizokuthini nasifika ngemuzini silengise izandla?" kubuza uMalaika.

UKhwezi waqala ngebanganini bakhe wathi, "Bangani, ... kufuze sibuyele emuva

siyokubawa ukulitjalelwa ekosazaneni yamanzi."

"Kodwana uNobukhwebezane akasafuni litho elimhlanganisa nathi. Akasafuni nokusibona! Kutjho uLubo aphelelwe lithemba.

"Ngivumelana noKhwezi," kutjho uMalaika. "Kufuze sibuyele emuva siyokubawa ukulitjalelwa. Ngijjho nanyana singekhe simfumane uNobukhwebezane, singamtihiyela umlayezo efesini."

"Mbono omuhle," kutjho uLubo, uthoma ukuzizwa ngcono. "Ngizazi endleleni nasibuyela emlanjeni singakha ubukhwebe kube sisipho sakaNobukhwebezane."

Abantazaba bathatha umgodla ozele ubukhwebe. Bebamomotheka godu njengoba bagijimela emlanjeni godu. Nabatjidelako bezwa ingoma emnandi abebayazi kuhle:

"Vukani ma-Afrika ... iKwanzaa ifikile!"

Siphana izipho ezihle ... sijengisana ithando!"

Letha iinthelo, inyama namarhewu.

Asidleni, sigidinge ndawonye ... sijengisane ithando!"

"UNobukhwebezane ubuyile! Ikosazana yamanzi ibuyile!" Barhuwelela, bagijimela magega nomlambo.

UNobukhwebezane bekahlezi phezu kwelitje emaphethelweni womlambo, amomotheka.

"Kosazana, sibawa usilibalele akhange khesikuthokoze ngezipho osipha zona zeentlo nemirorho! Kutjho uMalaika.

"Iye, sibawa ukulitjalelwa Nobukhwebezane. Sibawa usilibalele," kurabhela uKhwezi.

"IKwanzaa sikhathi sokuphana izipho. Namhlanjisi sikuphathele isipho!" kutjho uLubo, wanikela uNobukhwebezane umgodla ozele ubukhwebe.

UNobukhwebezane waqala ngemugodleni wamomotheka. "Ubukhwebobu bubonakala ngathi bumnandi. Ngiyathokoza, bangani!"

"Nathi siyathokoza, Kosazana, ngezipho ohlala usipha zona qobe mnyaka ngeKwanzaa. Siyathokoza," uMalaika utjho aphethwe ziinhloni.

"Bangani bami, ... iKwanzaa sikhathi sokuphana, sethabo, sokuthula nethando! Tjidelani ngifuna ukunifundisa ingoma etjha! UNobukhwebezane wathoma ukuvuma:

"Hlala uthokoza, hlala uthanda nawe uzokwamukela!"

Hlala uthokoza, hlala uthanda nawe uzokwamukela!"

Hlala uthokoza, hlala uthanda! Lokhu kuhlala kukuhle!"

Wathi, "Njeke, rhabani niye ekhaya,". "Kuba lada! Napa abomantji beentlo nemirorho. Banilindle."

"Siyathokoza, Kosazana Yamanzi. Siyathokoza, Nobukhwebezane!" kutjho abantazana.

"Nikhambe kuhle! Niithabele iKwanzaa!" kurhuwelela uNobukhwebezane.

"Nawe, Kosazana! Siyathokoza!" kurhuwelela abantazana.

Kwathi abantazana nabafika ngemuzini, izakhamuzi besele zibalindle. "Siyathokoza bantazana. Kubonakala kwangathi nize neentlo nemirorho eminingi ukudlula eenkathini ezidlulileko, siyathokoza!" kutjho ikosi yendaweni.

Lokha abantazana nabezwa lokhu, baqalana ... bamomotheka. Bebazi ukuthi uNobukhwebezane ubalibalele. "Siyathokoza, Kosazana," batjho ngokuhleba.



Yenza indaba le ibemnandi!

- ★ Kghani umndenakho namkha umphakathi unendima oyidlalako ekugidingeni umnyanya wendabuko ye-Afrika namkha yeSewula Afrika? Ubizwa ngokuthini begodu kugidingwa ini?

- ★ Ngiziphi iinthelo namkha imirorho enihlala niba nayo nanigidingako? Dweba ezinye zeentlo nemirorho leyo.
- ★ Zitlamele ingoma otjho ngayo ukuthi uyathokoza ngezinto ezihle ozamukela qobe langa.



Nobukhwebezane, the water princess

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Every year, in December, it was time for the Kwanzaa festival – a time when families met and shared food and gifts. And every year, before dawn, Khwezi, Lubo and Malaika would get up and go down to the river. On their way, they would sing beautiful songs and pick blackberries.

The three girls were always very excited, because on this day, they would find the water princess, Nobukhwebezane, waiting for them at the river. As they got closer, they could hear her beautiful voice singing:

"Africans arise ... Kwanzaa has come!

We give each other beautiful gifts ... we show each other love!

Bring fruit, meat and amahewu.

Let's eat, celebrate together ... show each other love!"



The girls would sit on the riverbank and listen to the song. Then, at sunrise, Nobukhwebezane would give them baskets full of vegetables and fruits to take home to their village.

"Stay well, Water Princess!" they would

call as they ran home so that the villagers could prepare a feast for the Kwanzaa celebrations.

But something always troubled Nobukhwebezane. "I wonder why those girls don't thank me when they take the baskets of fruits and vegetables?" she asked herself as she sat alone.

Back at the village, everyone would gather at the chief's home, wearing bright, colourful clothes. Besides the fruits and vegetables from the water princess, the villagers would bring grain and meat, and they would cook together while the children played.

After the villagers had feasted, they exchanged gifts, and sang and danced. The older people took turns telling their favourite folktales.

One year, when Kwanzaa arrived, Khwezi, Lubo and Malaika woke up and rushed to the river as usual, singing and picking blackberries along the way. As they neared the river, they realised that something was wrong. They couldn't hear Nobukhwebezane singing.

"Could Nobukhwebezane still be asleep?" wondered Malaika.

"Maybe she's not well," suggested Khwezi.

"Perhaps she forgot that today is the start of Kwanzaa," said Lubo.

When they reached the river, Nobukhwebezane was nowhere to be seen.

Suddenly, a bright light blinded their eyes. Then, a loud and frightening voice said, "Whoever is given something must say thank you! That is good manners!" Then the light disappeared, and only the rising sun behind the hills in the distance remained. The girls felt terrible when they realised what they had forgotten to do.

"We never thank Nobukhwebezane for the Kwanzaa gifts! We always leave in a hurry," said Lubo sadly.

With heavy hearts, they slowly started walking back home.

"What are we going to say when we arrive back at the village empty-handed?" asked Malaika.

Khwezi turned to her friends and said, "Friends, ... we must go back and apologise to the water princess."

"But Nobukhwebezane doesn't want anything to do with us. She doesn't want to see us!" said Lubo, feeling hopeless.

"I agree with Khwezi," said Malaika. "We have to go back and apologise. Even if we don't find Nobukhwebezane there, we can leave a message for her with the fish."

"Good idea," said Lubo, starting to feel better. "I know, on our way back to the river, we can pick blackberries as a gift for Nobukhwebezane."

The three girls picked a bag full of blackberries. Their faces were smiling again as they ran back down to the river. As they got closer, they heard the sweet song they knew so well:

"Africans arise ... Kwanzaa has come!

We give each other beautiful gifts ... we show each other love!

Bring fruit, meat and amahewu.

Let's eat, celebrate together ... show each other love!"

"Nobukhwebezane is back! The water princess is back!" they shouted, running to the edge of the river.

Nobukhwebezane was sitting on a rock close to the riverbank, smiling.

"Princess, we are really sorry for never saying thank you for your gifts of fruits and vegetables!" said Malaika.

"Yes, Nobukhwebezane, we apologise. Please forgive us," begged Khwezi.

"Kwanzaa is a time for giving gifts. Today we have a gift for you!" said Lubo, reaching out to give Nobukhwebezane the bag full of blackberries.

Nobukhwebezane looked inside the bag and smiled. "These blackberries look delicious. Thank you, friends!"

"We are also thankful to you, Princess, for the gifts that you have given us year after year at Kwanzaa. Thank you," Malaika said shyly.

"My friends, ... Kwanzaa is a time of giving, joy, peace and love! Come close, I want to teach you a new song!" Then Nobukhwebezane sang:

"Always be thankful, always love and you will receive in return!

Always be thankful, always love and you will receive in return!

Always be thankful, always love! These are always good!"

"Now, hurry home," she said. "It's getting late! Here are the baskets of fruits and vegetables. They are waiting for you."

"Thank you, Water Princess. Thank you, Nobukhwebezane!" said the girls.

"Go well! Happy Kwanzaa!" shouted Nobukhwebezane.

"To you too, Princess! Thank you!" shouted the girls.



When the girls arrived home, the villagers were already waiting for them. "Thank you, girls. It looks like you brought more fruit and vegetables than ever before. Thank you!" said the chief of the village.

When the girls heard this, they looked at each other ... and smiled. They knew that Nobukhwebezane had forgiven them. "Thank you, Princess," they whispered.

Get story active!

- ★ Does your family or community take part in a celebration that is specifically African or South African? What is it called and what is celebrated?
- ★ What kinds of fruits and vegetables do you often have at your celebrations? Draw some of these fruits and vegetables.

- ★ Make up your own song in which you say thank you for the good things that you receive each day.

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1.

☉ Khiyilula ikhowudi!

UNeo nabangani bakhe bazabe benzani hlangana namalanga wokuphumula? Sebenzisa ithebula ehlaza kwesibhakabhaka yokukhiyulula ikhowudi bona ikusize ufumane iimpendulo.

1. UNeo uya ekhambweni le (2, 8, 15, 12, 15) _____ ngeveke yokuthoma yamalanga wokuphumula.
2. UMbali uyazikhupha uya e (16, 12, 1, 19, 9, 14, 9) _____ nabanye abantwana bendaweni kaGogo yokuthogomela abantwana.
3. UBella uzoku (6, 21, 14, 4, 5, 12, 1) _____ uNoodle begodu amthathe ayokudlala nezinye izinja e (16, 8, 1, 7, 5, 14, 9) _____.
4. UHope udlala indima ephaliswaneni le (11, 1, 18, 1, 20, 9) _____.
5. U-Afrika noDintle bayokusiza ummabo uku (2, 8, 1, 7, 1) _____ amakhekhe namabhiskidi wesitolo sakhe e-winter fair.
6. UPriya ukhamba nosesakhe esitolo seendaba e (12, 1, 25, 9, 2, 8, 21, 18, 1, 18, 9) _____.
7. UJosh usiza ukwenza i (8, 12, 5, 12, 15) (12, 1, 13, 1, 12, 1, 14, 7, 1) (23, 15, 11, 21, 16, 8, 21, 13, 21, 12, 1) _____ wabantwana abancani esikolweni sakhe.

☉ Crack the code!

What are Neo and his friends going to spend time doing during the holidays? Use the blue code-breaker table to help you find out.

1. Neo is going on a (19, 15, 3, 3, 5, 18) _____ tour for the first week of the holidays.
2. Mbali is going on an outing to a (6, 1, 18, 13) _____ with the other children at Gogo's educare centre.
3. Bella is going to (18, 5, 1, 4) _____ to Noodle and take him to play with the other dogs at the (16, 1, 18, 11) _____.
4. Hope is taking part in a (11, 1, 18, 1, 20, 5) _____ competition.
5. Afrika and Dintle are going to help their mother to (2, 1, 11, 5) _____ cakes and biscuits for her stall at the winter fair.
6. Priya is going with her sister to a story workshop at the (12, 9, 2, 18, 1, 18, 25) _____.
7. Josh is helping to run a (8, 15, 12, 9, 4, 1, 25) (16, 18, 15, 7, 18, 1, 13, 13, 5) _____ for the younger children at his school.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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2.

Sebenzisa umkhumbulwako bona ucedelele indaba. Cocela umngani namkha umbelethi indabakho.

Woke umuntu bekacabanga bona uMma u-Esther bekamloyi. Bekahlala yedwa endlini encani begodu bekaya edorobheni kwaphela nakayokuthenga ukudla ebekangakghoni ukukutjala esivandeni sakhe. Akekho umuntu ebekakhuluma naye begodu naye nekangakhulumisi muntu. Yeke, lokha umfulelo wendlu kaMma u-Esther nawuphetjhlulwa siwuwururu akekho umuntu owezako bona azomsiza. Abantu bendaweni badosela amakholoro weembaji zabo phezulu badosela neengwani zabo phasi ukwenzela bona bangayiboni indlu encani emotjhekileko nabadlulako.

Kodwana bekunesokana ekuthiwa nguGeorge elacabanga ukuthi sele kusikhathi sokwenza okuthileko ngoMma u-Esther ...

Use your imagination to complete the story. Tell a friend or parent your story.

Everyone thought Mama Esther was a witch. She lived alone in a small house and only went to town to buy food she could not grow in her garden. No one spoke to her, and she spoke to no one. So when Mama Esther's roof blew off during a storm, no one came to help her. The townspeople pulled their coat collars up high and their hats down low so they would not have to look at her broken little house when they walked by. But there was one young man named George who thought it was time to do something about Mama Esther ...



Iimpendulo: 1. bholo 2. plasini 3. fundela, phageni 4. karati 5. bhaga 6. layibhura 7. hlelo lamalanga wokuphumula
Answers: 1. soccer 2. farm 3. read, park 4. karate 5. bake 6. library 7. holiday programme

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