

Little



In a Big World

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7 fun,
inspirational
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Stories

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Little in a Big World is a project aimed at children, educating them about the world they live in. Little in a Big World is a children story book consisting of seven (7) engaging, inspirational, and educational stories about being little but living in a big world with a lot going on all at once. Children will learn a lot by just reading the stories as they touch many different areas of their lives and also how to deal with circumstances they find themselves in. This book will teach kids about even the planet they live in together with some knowledge about even the solar system and more.

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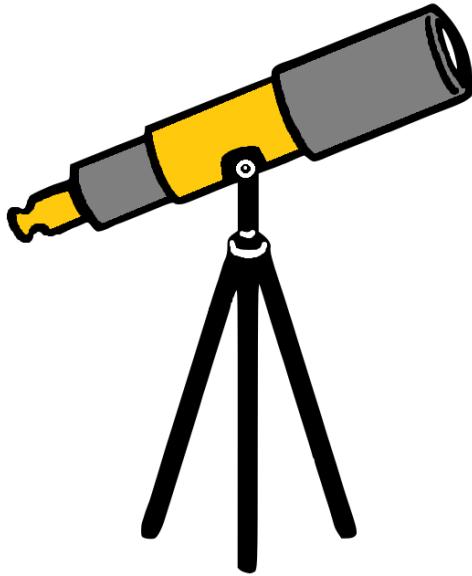
Exploring the Stars



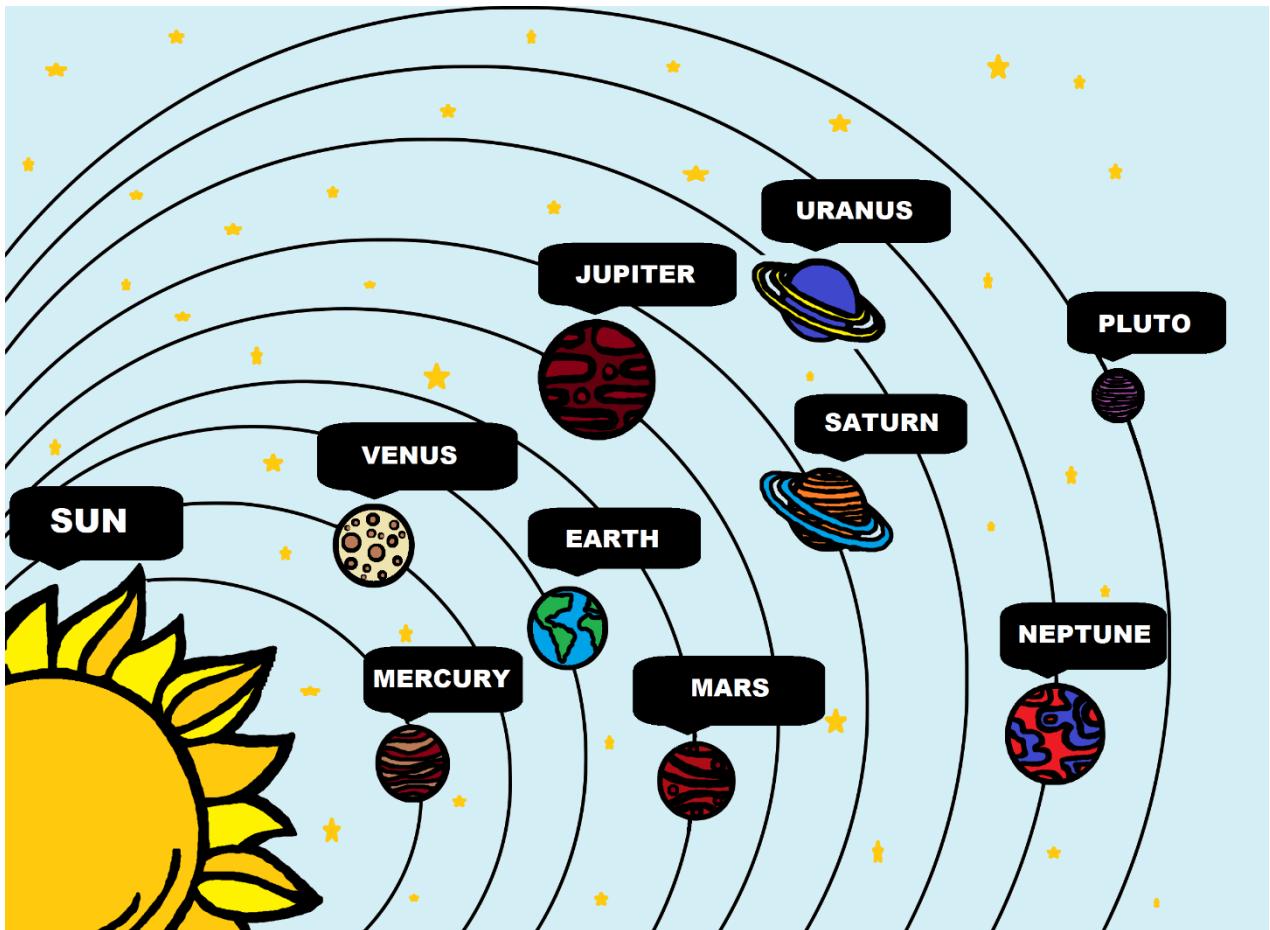
Wandile really loved exploring the night sky.
He enjoyed looking at the bright stars and how
everything was so clear up there at night.
He would open his curtain before going to bed to
watch the stars and the moon each and every night.
His mother would find him staring out the window
every time she comes to prepare him for bed time.



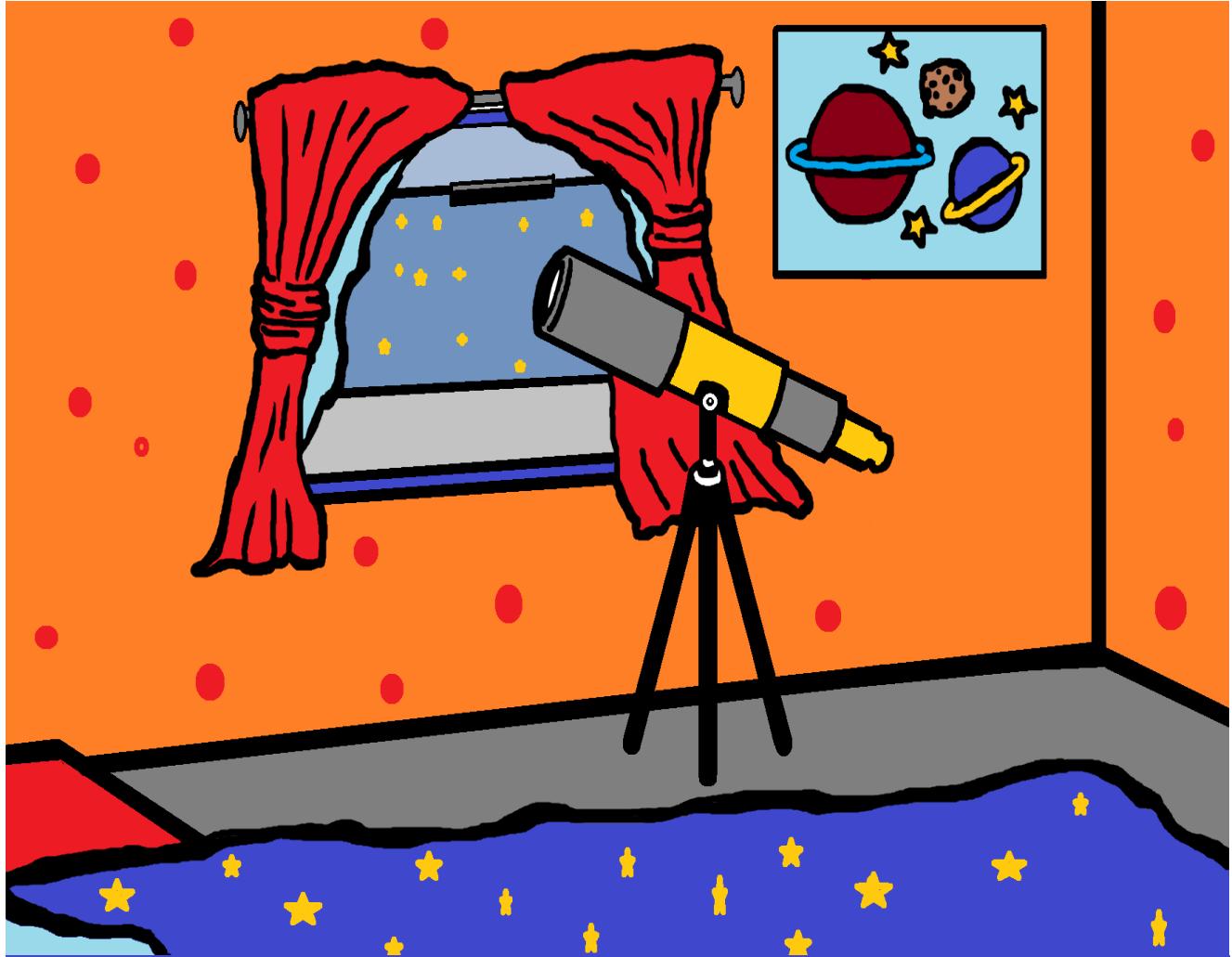
Wandile's mother had already knew that her son loves exploring the stars and was already planning on buying him a telescope as a surprise, so that he can explore the night sky and be able to see most of the cosmic objects a little bit closer than usual.



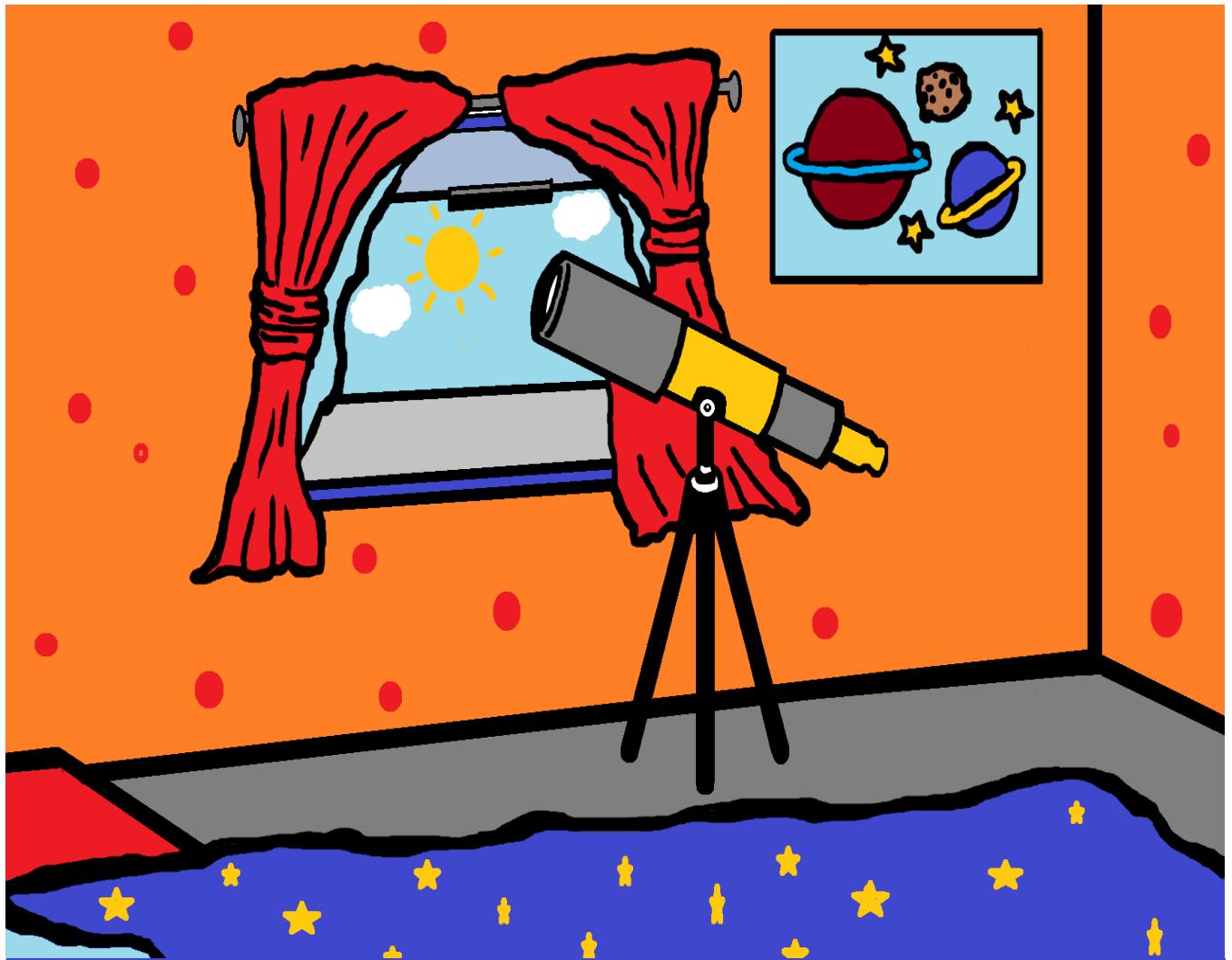
A telescope is a tool that astronomers and people who love exploring the night sky use to see faraway objects. With it you can see the moon, stars and other planets closer. Most telescopes, and all large telescopes work by using curved mirrors to gather and focus light from the night sky. The first telescopes focused light by using pieces of curved, clear glass called lenses. The magnification of a telescope shows how much larger the telescope can make objects appear.



Earth, which is the planet we live in has only one moon and our solar system consists of nine planets circulating around a big star we call the sun. The planets are Mercury, Venus, Earth our home, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and also Pluto the dwarf planet.



Finally Wandile's mother bought the telescope and brought it home without her son noticing anything. It was a surprise after all! She then placed it next to Wandile's bed by the window facing out to the sky while Wandile was sleeping.



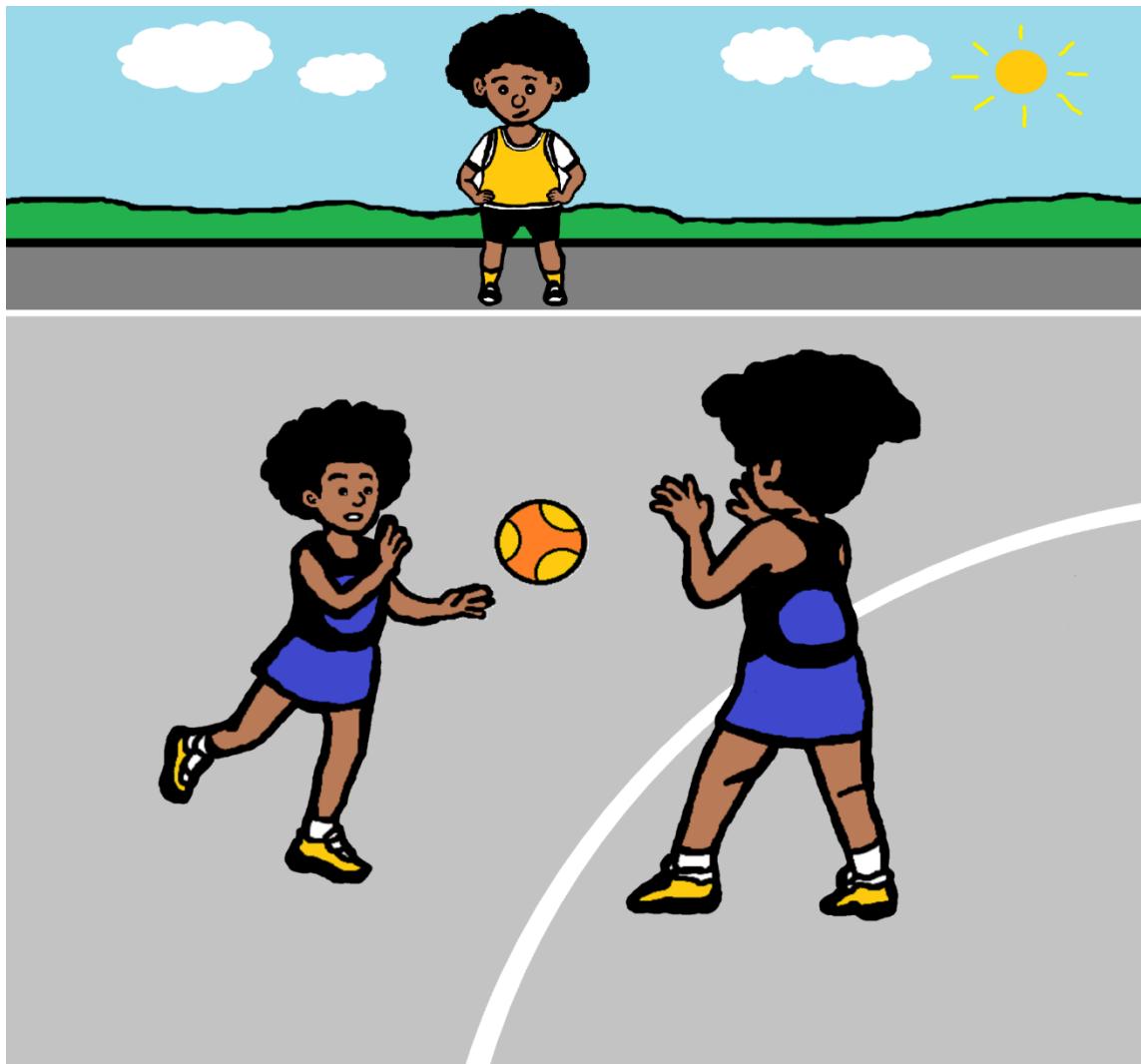
In the morning Wandile woke up and saw the telescope. He did not believe what was in front of his eyes and there it was, a brand new telescope with its user manual. Wandile's face was filled with so much joy as he shouted "thank you Mommy, you the best!"



He just couldn't wait for it to be night time so that he would use his new telescope for the first time to see the wonders of the night sky.

The end

Buhle
the referee



Once upon a time there was a young girl named Buhle. She lived in a neighbourhood nearby the local Net-ball court. She would often go watch the games there as well as when they are practicing, she would be there watching how they played. Buhle really loved net-ball.



The lady coach who coached the netball team there noticed her from time to time and realised how Buhle loved the sport, she even noticed how the little girl watched so closely at how the players played all the time, how she also knew the rules of the game and would tell when one of them has been broken, Buhle really knew the sport!



It was a Wednesday as she was at the court as usual. The lady coach then came to her after the practice and asked her if she would love to be the referee, for a friendly match on Thursday.

Buhle was really happy and accepted the offer with a very big smile! The coach then also gave her a referee kit so that she comes prepared together with her whistle for the game.

It was Thursday and the match starting at 15:30pm. Buhle woke up, went to school telling all her friends all about how she will be judging the game. She then came back home afterschool, ate and made herself ready.



When it was time she then went out to the court. The teams were getting ready, but just a few minutes before the game starts she realised that she had forgotten to pack her whistle. It was already time for the match to start and it could not start, because Buhle did not have a whistle to blow.





Luckily the coach lady had a whistle with her, then quickly gave it to Buhle to start the game. The game then went on and Buhle also really great at being the referee for the friendly match between the two teams.



The coach lady was very pleased with how the match went. She then looked at Buhle with a smile and congratulated her on judging her first game very well, but also gave her an advice that when ever she is preparing to go somewhere to do something next time, she has to make sure that she has packed everything that she will need to use, Buhle then nodded her head as she learned her lesson, and from then she always made sure to check if she packed everything she will need to use where ever she goes all the time.

The end

Simo
the soccer star

Once upon a time there was a young boy who really loved playing soccer, he was also very good at it. His father even gave him the nickname 'Messi' because he was really impressed by his son's soccer skills. Lionel Messi is the well-known soccer star from Argentina.





One day Simo was playing outside in his home backyard, doing very impressive tricks and styles with the ball. He then got noticed by a young boys soccer club coach who was on his way back from the sports ground for practice. The coach was really impressed, on how the boy controlled the ball and moved with it, 'magnificent' the coach said

The coach was passing by
Simo's home at that moment
but then decided to come in
and talk to Simo together with
his parents and asked that he
would love it if Simo Joined
their team.



The parents agreed and Simo also loved that idea since soccer was his most favourite thing and being in a soccer team his biggest dream. He then got invited to come for practice the next day.

The practice went on, and the coach together with the team were really impressed by Simo's soccer



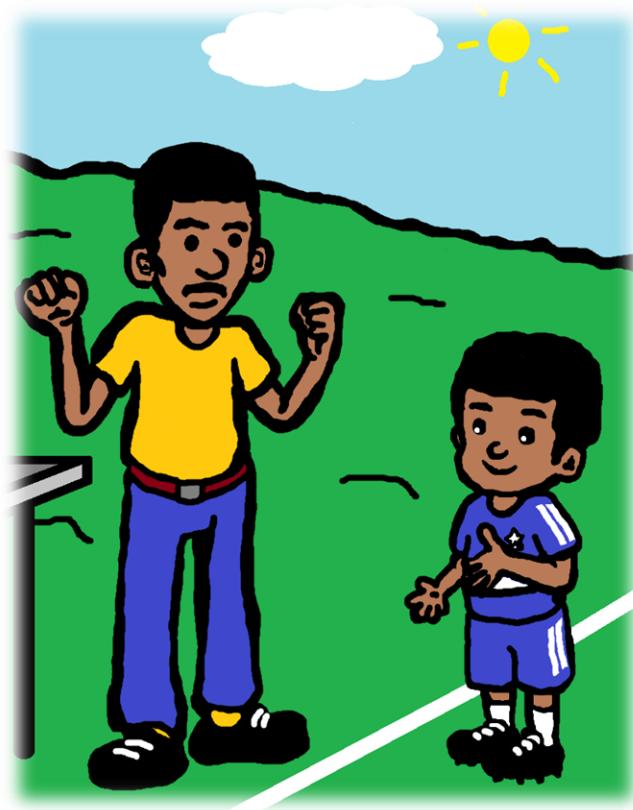
The following weekend the team had a match with another team, and despite being new to the team, Simo had to also play in that match since he was a very good player and would help the team win.

On Saturday the day of the match, Simo's father then decided to surprise his son with a brand new pair of soccer boots for his first ever official game.





Preeeh! The whistle was blown for the start of the game. It was the first time Simo had ever played in front of a large crowd of parents and soccer fans making all kinds of noises. Simo then began to feel shaky and scared as the crowd went louder. The other players passed him the ball many times since he was the team's striker but failed to control it as he was not himself. He fumbled and fumbled until it was half time. Everyone was disappointed at Simo, and the team was losing 2 - 0.



Simo's father then noticed that his boy was not himself, then called him aside for a small talk. He told Simo that first times for everything are always like this, because you are not yet used to the environment, and also said, do not be afraid and shaky because you are the best and I know it, just focus on the game, breath deeply and show them who you are!



Simo then heard this and understood, his skills came back since he was no longer shaking and scared. He then dribbled the other team over and over, and scored four (4) goals helping his team win the match 4 -2. Everyone was really impressed by Simo's skills as he controlled the ball like no other.



Simo then learned that day, that when you are scared, afraid or shy, you are not yourself and you will always mess up, but if you calm yourself down and not be scared, shy or afraid you will perform at your best and win at everything in life.

The end

Busi the
fashion designer



Once there was a young girl named Busi, short for Busisiwe, meaning blessed one, and Busi really loved fashion and fancy clothes. She would always play with her dolls dressing them up with fancy styled mini clothes she designed and sewed herself.



Busi would also yell at her parents and siblings all the time, telling them that they have no style, telling them what to wear, how to wear it and how to be in style when going out. Her siblings used to call her the fashion police when making fun of her.

Busi dreamt of being a fashion designer with all her heart. A fashion designer is a person that is responsible for creating the specific look of individual garments or clothes including their shape, colour, fabric, trimmings and other aspects of the whole.





The fashion designer begins with an idea of how a garment should look, turns that idea into a design such as a sketch and specifies how that design should be made into an actual piece of clothing by herself or others from pattern makers to finishers. Fashion designers hold a special place in the world. Their talent and vision not only play a major role in how people look, but they have also made important contributions to the cultural and social environment.



Busi's parents promoted that their children do what is in their hearts as a career so that they would live not just a good life but a fulfilled one knowing that they have done all that they whished in life and dreams are important as they motivate us to live a happy and healthy lifestyle.

Busi of cause knew about that since her parents would always remind her.

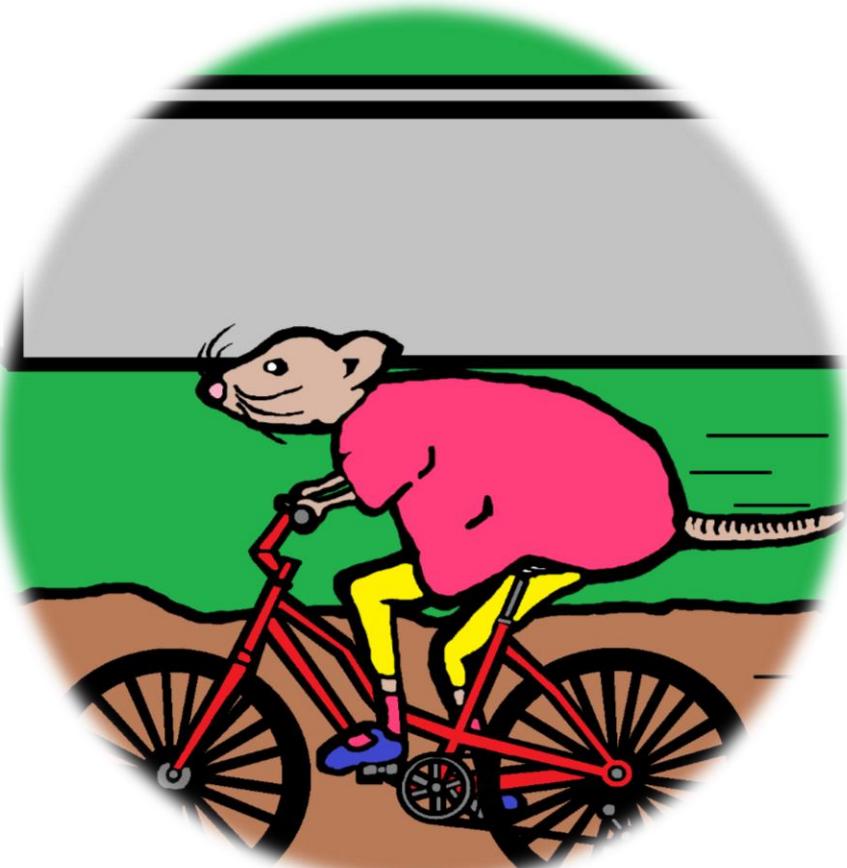


Her dream came true as she would soon become one of the best in the industry of fashion designers and also be very popular, what a dream hey, what a dream, but it came true because Busi really believed in herself and worked extra hard & smart towards her dream as she also really loved and enjoyed what she did, and that made her grow up to become one the most awesome fashion designers ever. That is what we all can do to achieve our most cherished dreams.

The end

The Little mouse called Mira

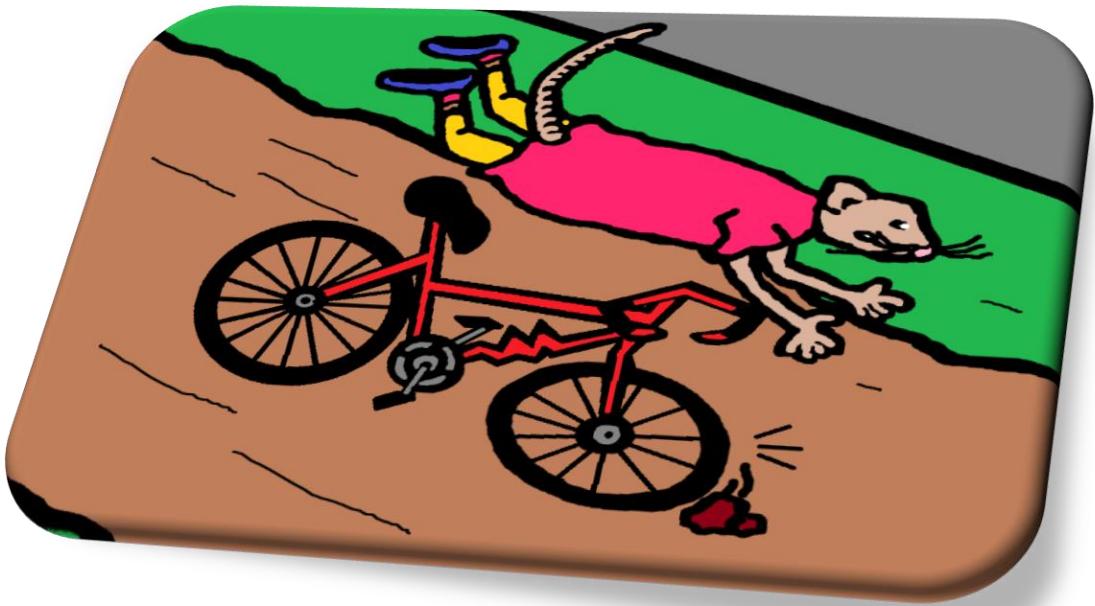
Once upon a time there was a young female mouse who lived in a village called Mice-Ville. Her name was Mira, a name she got from her grandmother. One day her parents' papa and mama mouse bought Mira a bicycle for her birthday present. The bicycle also came with safety wear, the head helmet together with elbow and knee-pads. Mira was so happy and over the moon about her new bicycle.





The problem with Mira is that she was stubborn and did not like the idea that she had to wear safety wear when riding her bicycle.

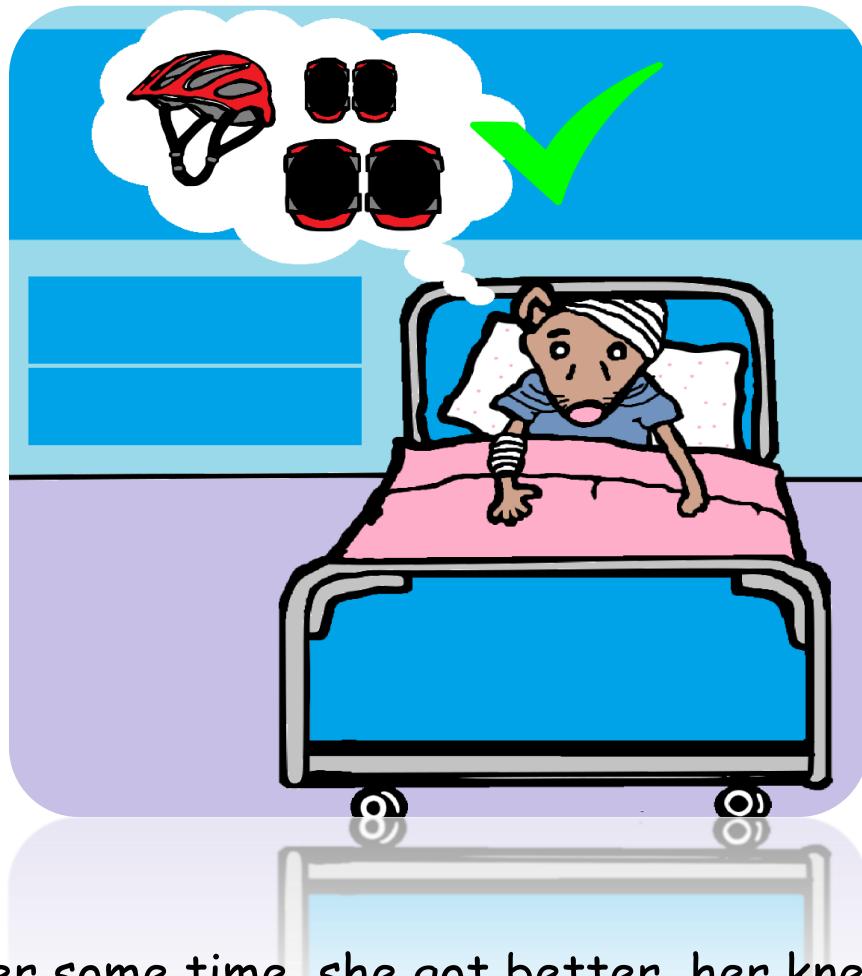
Her parents would always tell her to put it on when out riding her bicycle, also told her about why wearing safety wear is important when riding a bicycle.



The next day she went out on her bicycle. Along the road just outside the gate were small stones that rolled to the middle of the road which she did not see, the rocks then tripped the bicycle's wheel and she fell really bad and bruised her elbow, knees and head. By luck her parents saw her down as she was just by the gate and not that far away from home. They then quickly took her to the hospital.

At the hospital the doctors then discovered that her knee got hurt really bad and she would have to stay for longer there until her knee heals to go finish up getting better at home. Mira was so sad about those news and cried.





After some time, she got better, her knee was healed, and she would go home soon. Mira then learned her lesson and never ever got on her bicycle without her helmet, elbow and knee pads. She then made a pinkie promise to herself that she will never ever play or do anything unsafe ever again, and she will always listen to her parents from now on.

The end

Berry
the Smart Bear



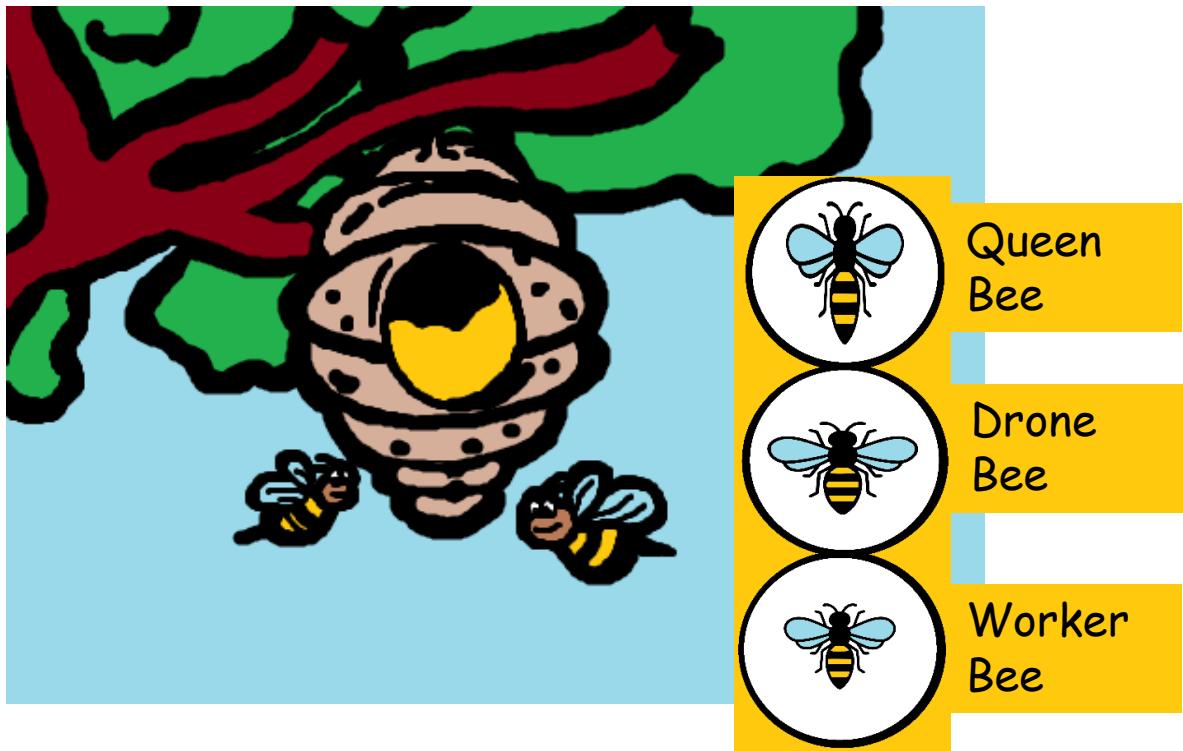
Once upon a time there was a young bear who lived in the jungle. This other day the bear woke up really hungry early in the morning. He then started searching for food as soon as he got up from sleep. He searched and searched and searched but could not find any. As he was sitting down with disappointment he then heard a buzzing sound just under the trees near the river.



He then stood up and curiously went where the buzzing sound came from. As he moved closer to the location the buzzing sound became more louder and that helped him track the location where the sound was coming from.



As he arrived he then found out that bees
were making the buzzing noise all this time,
and they were on top of a tree making honey
as usual in their hive. The bear was hungry
and really needed something to eat.



Bees live in large groups called colonies and there are three main categories of bees in all hives, firstly the queen bee, secondly the drone bees that go out to scout and search for food and water, then thirdly the worker bees those that make the honey to feed the young bees and the rest of the colony.



Honey is very sweet and healthy. It contains lots of nourishing nutrients, and Berry the bear really needed that nourishment as he was really hungry. He then noticed that the honey was dripping down to the tree branches.

Then tried to think of ways he could reach the dripping honey and eat it.

Since he was the smartest bear in the jungle
he then quickly thought of a plan, and his plan
was to use a branch with leaves to extend his
arm and get the honey dripping on to the
leaves.





The bear was able to get and eat the honey until he
was full and satisfied, what a smart bear.

He then learned that there are always ways we can
use to get what we need when we mostly need it, all
we have to do is think outside the box and improvise
using what we can when we can.

The end

Simphiwe
the Dogs Lover



Once upon a time there was a young girl by the name Simphiwe.

She lived with her loving family, which was her mother, her brother, cousin, Two Aunts, and three uncles, together with three dogs as well.

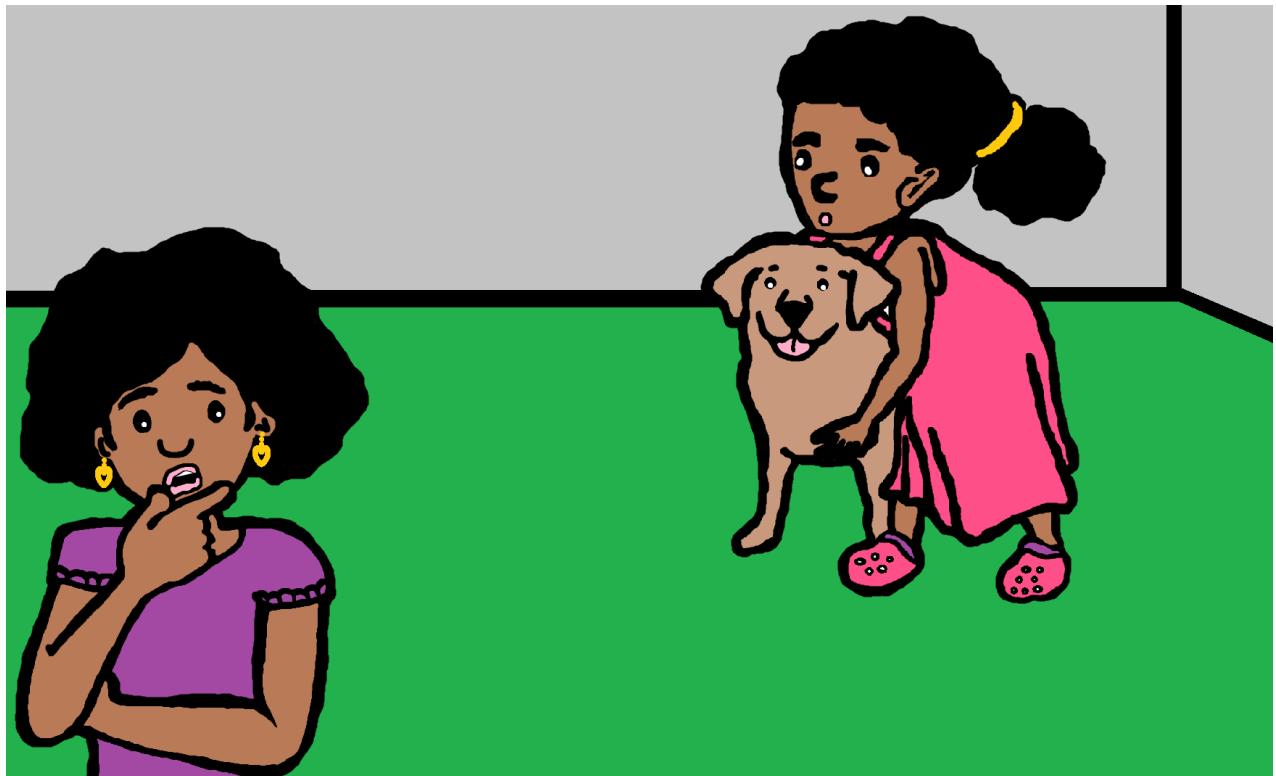
Owh what a loving family they were. Simpiwe really loved the extra three family members of the house a lot, the dogs of cause by the names of Small, Long-Tom, and Old-boy.



The dogs really loved her as well, a lot, as she would always play with them, and would always want to be the one feeding them every day as well as petting them all the time she goes outside.



Her mother would always remind her to regularly wash her hands with the hand-wash soap to make sure that she gets rid of all the germs, and dirt the dogs might have, because dogs love playing outside in the dirt and bushes. In that way they collect a lot of dirt throughout the day. Simpiwe's mother knew about that and would always tell her daughter about it.



Dogs are a man's best friend but we must always make sure that we stay clean and healthy so that we may live longer and happily with them, as mommy would say.

The end



Research and surveys shows that children learn a lot better and quicker when assisted by colourful content as it also enhances their visual senses altogether with their imagination, helping them become more creative by also enhancing their intuition which is a very handy tool when growing up and everyday learning. Also reading story books to little kids helps them learn how to talk or speak even quicker and does even much better for older kids by teaching them language, enhancing their vocabulary, prepositions, tenses, and more.

We have also created a fun slide puzzle game that will boosts your kid's intelligence, memory, coordination, imagination and visual responses. Go to the website www.littleinabigworld.co.za to play, though can only be played only on desktop computers and laptops currently but we are also working on a mobile version.



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