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There was a young girl called Hadija. She lived with her parents in Mambo village. Hadija's birthday was coming up, so she asked her parents for a birthday party.

Her mother said, "There will be no party. We have no money for it. You should go and play with your brothers."



Hadija was sad and soon, she was in tears. Her parents and her brothers tried to comfort her.

Hadija did not listen to them. She was angry and decided to run away from home.



They found many people at home. What a nice surprise! Hadija's birthday party was all set.

There was a big cake which made Hadija very happy. Everyone cheered her with a birthday song.



They began walking back home hand in hand. Aisha chatted Hadija up as they walked along the way.

Aisha asked her to forgive her family and not to be angry with them anymore. Hadija was happy to have such a caring friend.



Hadija ran into the big forest nearby. When she saw her parents following her, she climbed up a tall tree, all the way to the top.

She decided not to come down. "I will live on this big tree," she decided.



Hadija's parents desperately looked for her all around. When they located her, they begged her, "Hadija, please come down from the tree."

Hadija was adamant. They eventually decided to leave her alone and return home.



As time passed, Hadija got lonely and bored but she was still angry with her parents.

Her friend, Aisha, came along. She asked her to climb down from the tree before it got dark.

Hadija climbed down from the tree and hugged her friend.