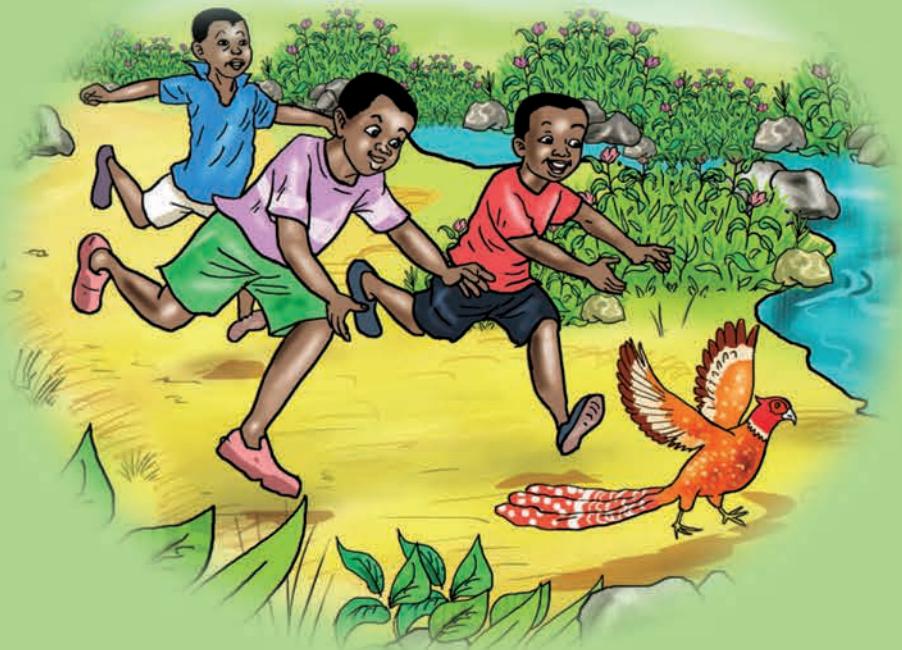




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It is Saturday morning.

Amina, Maina and Charo are asleep.

Mother has woken up.

Father has woken up too.

Father goes to the cow shed.

Mother goes to the chicken house.

It will be a busy day.



The children like eggs.

Mother wants to cook eggs for breakfast.

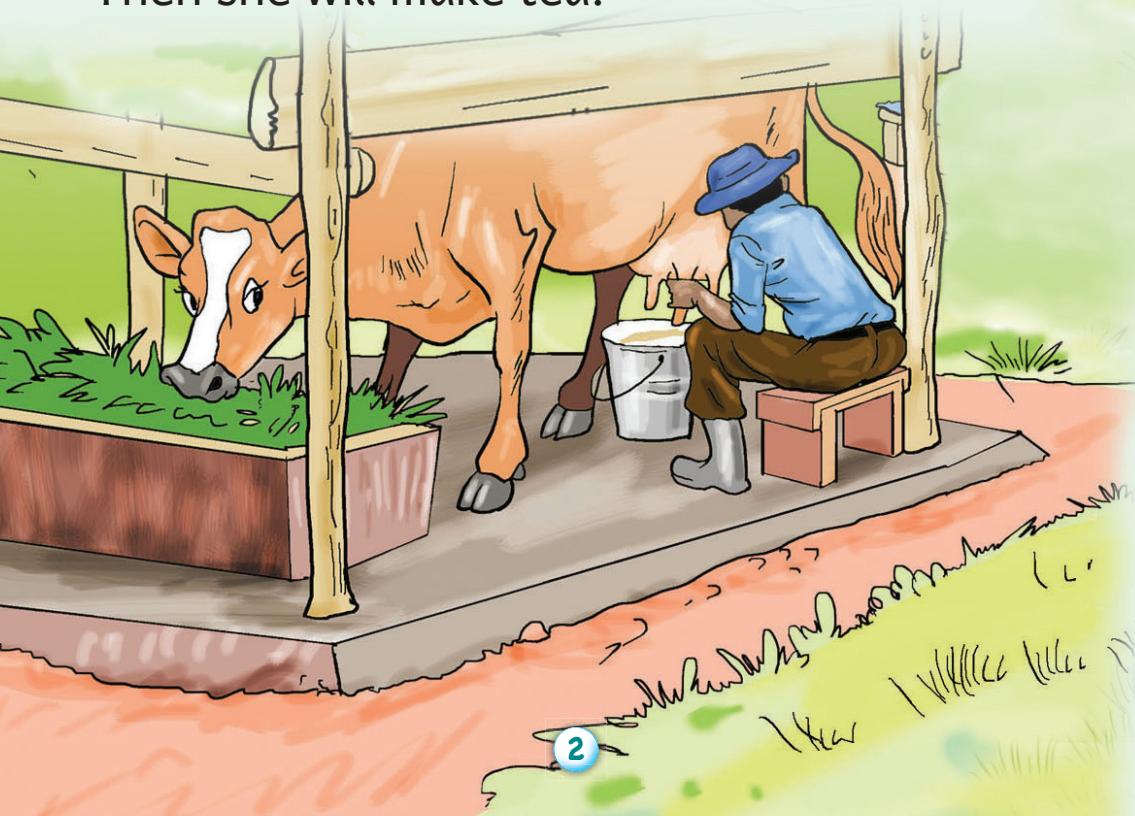
She picks some eggs.

Father milks the cows.

Milk is good for our health.

Mother will boil the milk.

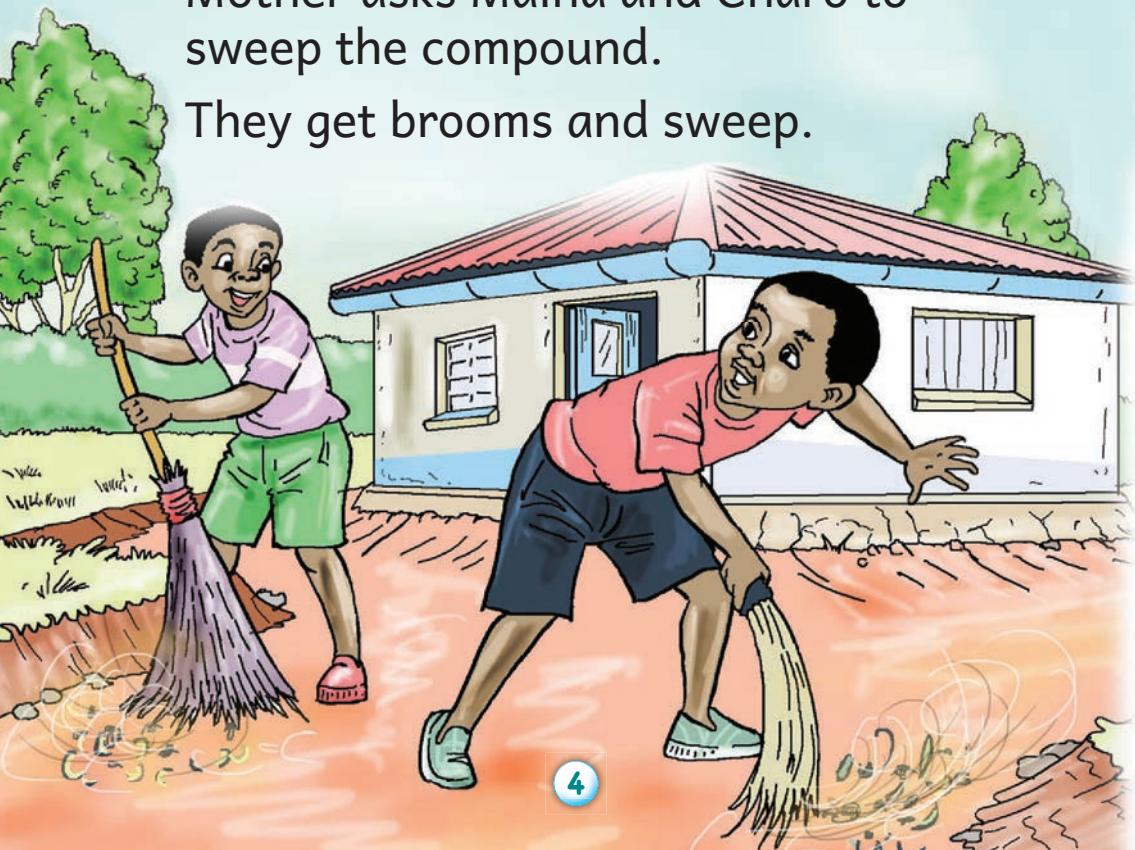
Then she will make tea.





Amina wakes up.  
She goes to Mother.  
“Good morning, Mother,” Amina says.  
“Good morning, Amina,” says Mother.  
Amina walks past Mother.  
“I am going to watch Father milking the cows.  
I can see him in the cowshed,” says Amina.

Maina and Charo wake up.  
They stand at the window.  
Charo sees Amina in the cowshed.  
He shows Maina where Amina is.  
The boys run outside.  
Mother asks Maina and Charo to  
sweep the compound.  
They get brooms and sweep.





It is now time for breakfast.

Father, Mother, Amina, Charo and Maina  
are at the table.

They are having breakfast.

There is a lot of food on the table.

Father and Mother eat potatoes.

The children eat eggs.

Everyone has a banana.

They are all happy.

The sun is shining.

It is hot.

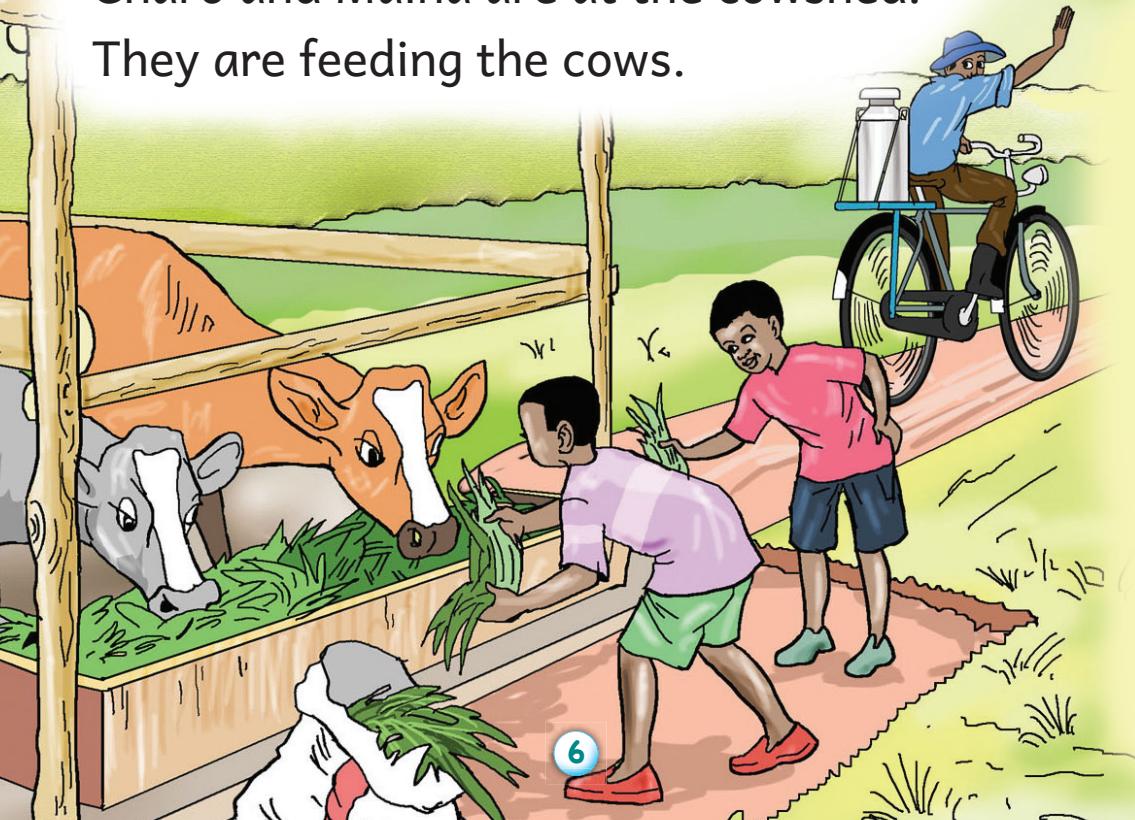
Father is going to the market on his bicycle.

He is going to sell some milk.

Mother and Amina are cleaning the house.

Charo and Maina are at the cowshed.

They are feeding the cows.





Wekesa comes to visit  
Maina.

They are best friends.

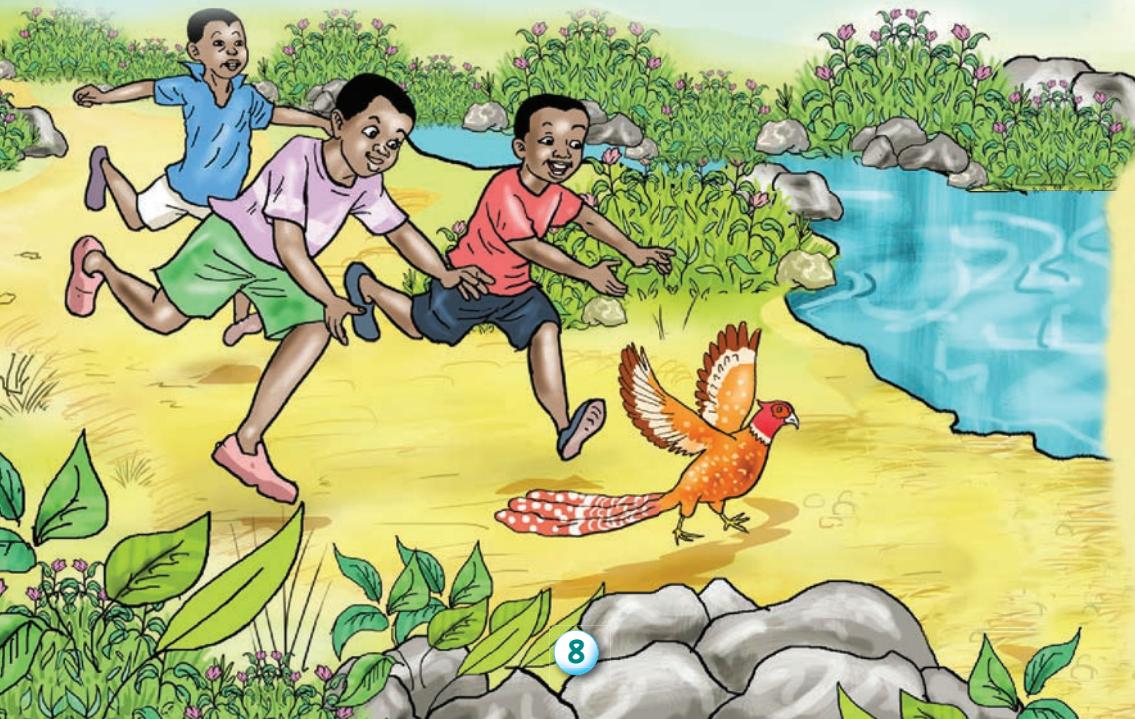
Maina greets Wekesa.

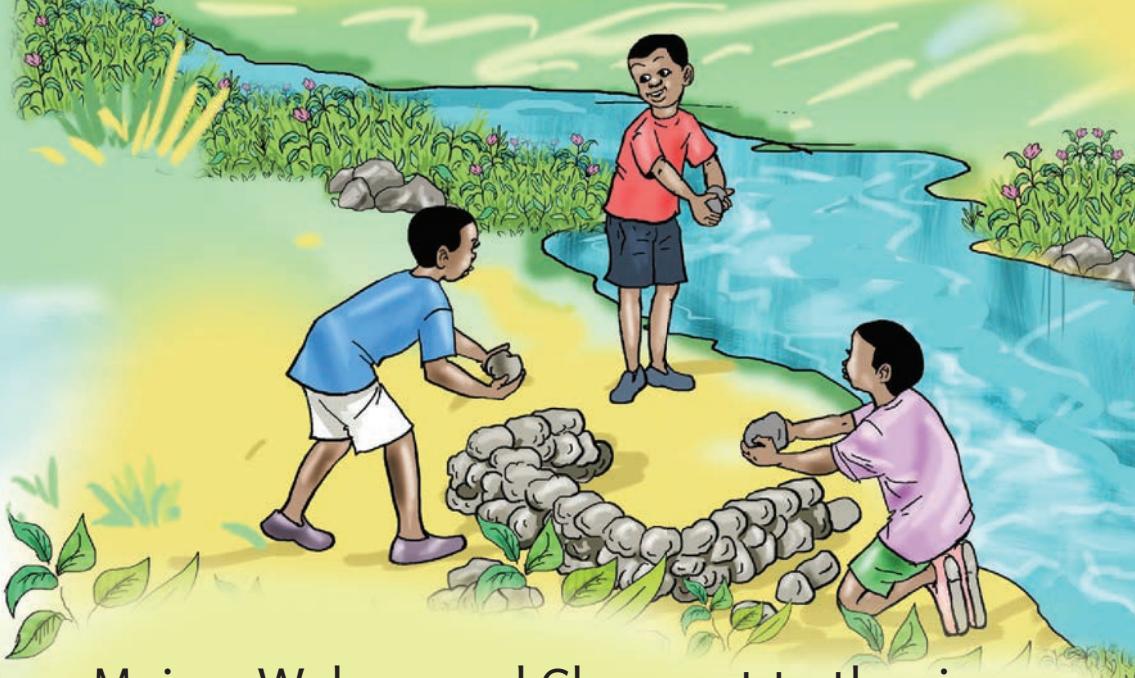
“Can we go to the river to swim?” asks  
Wekesa.

“We must feed the cows first,” says  
Charo.

Wekesa helps Charo and Maina to  
feed the cows.

The boys walk to the river.  
On the way, they see a bird.  
The bird has many colours.  
The boys want to take the bird home.  
The bird hops away.  
Charo tries again to catch the bird.  
The bird flies away.





Maina, Wekesa and Charo get to the river.

First, they swim in the river.

Maina says, “Let us build a stone house.”

The boys look for stones.

There are many stones on the river bank.

Maina, Wekesa and Charo collect stones.

They build a small stone house near the river.



The sky is now cloudy.

Maina, Charo and Wekesa are still near the river.

They play another game.

The boys throw stones into the river.

They want to see who can throw stones very far.

Maina throws first.

The stone falls near the river bank.

Amina and Mother are at home.  
They have cooked chicken, rice and  
vegetables.

Amina likes to cook.

Amina takes the food to the table.

It is time to eat.

Father is not at home.

Maina and Charo  
are not at home too.



Father is back from the market.

“Is the food ready? I am very hungry,” he says.

“We have cooked rice, chicken and vegetables,” says Amina.

“Where are Charo and Maina?” Father asks.

“They are at the river,” says Mother.

It is cloudy and cold outside.

Father goes to call the boys.





It begins to drizzle.  
Father wears a coat.  
The boys see a rainbow in the sky.  
“Red, orange, yellow, green, blue...” the  
boys name the colours.  
It begins to rain heavily.  
“Father is here,” Maina tells Charo.  
“Stop playing in the rain,” says Father.

The boys run home.

They put on dry clothes and go to the table.

They are ready to eat.

“I will never play in the rain again,” says Maina.

“Yes! It is not good to play in the rain.

You can catch a cold,” says Mother.

Everyone eats happily.





Lunch is over.

The four children take the dirty plates to the kitchen.

Wekesa and Amina wash the plates.

Maina and Charo dry the plates.

They put the plates on a rack.

Mother cleans the table.

Father arranges the seats.



It is still raining a lot.  
The children cannot play outside.  
They play a game of numbers.  
Charo picks number three.  
Wekesa picks number seven.  
Amina picks number six. Maina picks  
number two.

## Questions

1. Which day is it?
2. Who milks the cows?
3. Is Wekesa a good friend? Why?
4. What do the boys use to build a house?
5. Why is it not good to play in the rain?

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Amina, Charo and Maina are at home. Wekesa comes to visit. He helps Charo and Mina with work. Then they go to play near the river. It begins to rain. Father calls the boys and asks them to go back home.



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