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John had two sisters, Mara and Clara.
They lived in a big house with their mother
and father.
Their grandfather lived far away.
He was coming to visit.
Mother was sick.
She was resting in bed.
John, Mara and Clara had work to do.
They woke up early to clean the house.

Mara and Clara cleaned the house.

Mara wiped dust from the fridge.

Clara moved the table and carpet.

Then she mopped the floor.

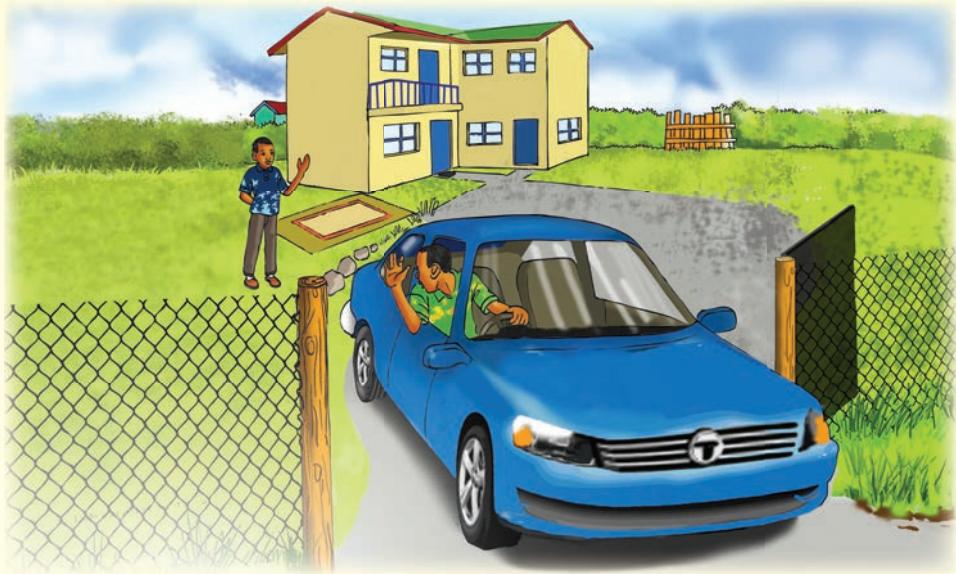
John picked the rubbish from the house.

He took it outside.

He picked all the leaves and papers outside the house.

Then he took all the rubbish to a pit.





John cleaned the carpet.
Then he took it outside.
He put it on the grass to dry.
Father got into his car.
He was going to the shop to buy some things.
He was also going to buy a new stand for
the radio.
Mother and the children were left at home.

The children did their work well.

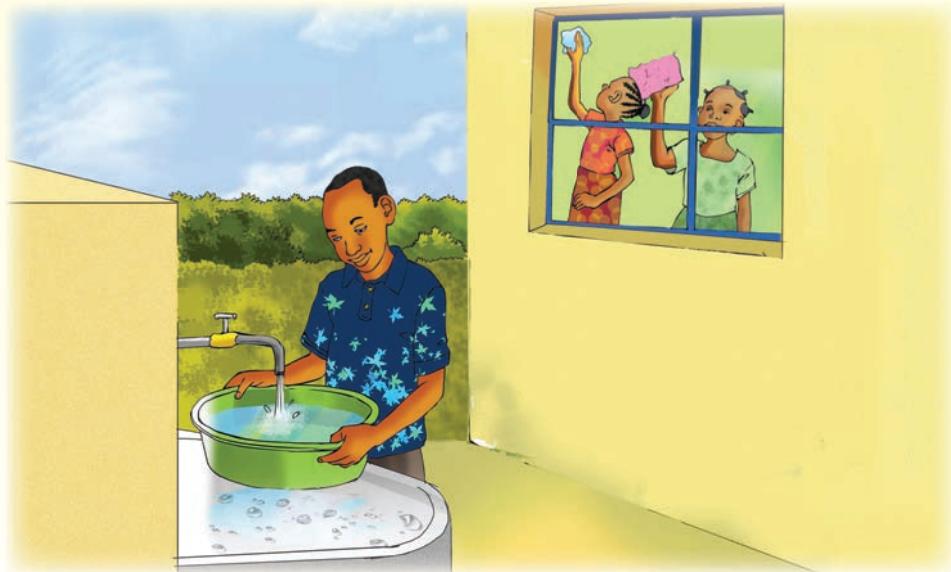
John went to see his sisters in the house.

“Wow! The house looks clean,” he said.

Mara and Clara were doing a good job.

“Oh! I have not cleaned the water tank,” said John.

John went outside to fetch water to clean the water tank.





The water tank was very dusty.
John began cleaning it.
He scrubbed and scrubbed.
Then he wiped it with a clean cloth.
After some time, he finished cleaning the
water tank.
It was now very clean.
Clara swept the floor outside the door.
Then she mopped it with soap and water.



Mara cleaned the windows in the bedroom.
She made the bed.

Then she put the pillows in clean
pillowcases.

Mara stood to look at the bedroom.

It was very clean.

Clara finished sweeping outside.

Then she went to the kitchen.

Clara began to clean the kitchen.
She also cleaned the floor.
Clara sang as she worked.
She washed cups, spoons, plates and the
flask.
All the dishes looked very clean.
She dried the dishes.
Then she put them on a shelf.
The kitchen was now very clean.



“Everything must be clean.
Grandfather does not like dirt.
He does not like dust too,” said Mara.
She picked a dry cloth.
She used it to clean the switch.
John removed some cobwebs from the wall
outside the bedroom.





John, Mara and Clara finished cleaning the house.

They arranged the seats.

Then they went to the kitchen.

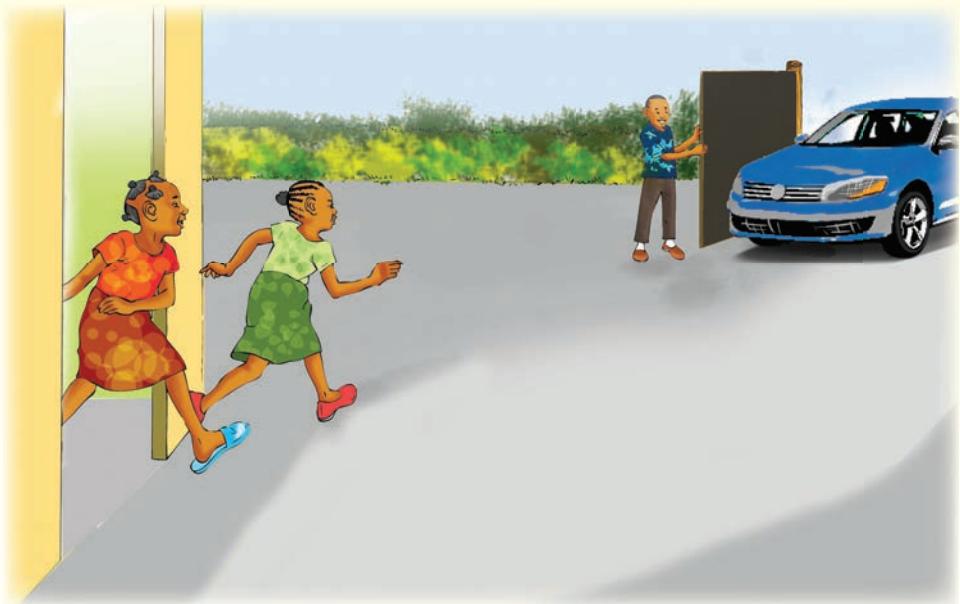
John lit the stove.

Clara chopped the vegetables.

Mara washed a calabash.

Grandfather liked using the calabash.

Mother was feeling better.
She was now awake.
Beep! Beep! It was Father.
He was back from the shop.
Quickly, John ran to open the gate.
Father drove in and parked the car.
Mara and Clara ran towards the car.





“Welcome, Father,” the children said.
John, Mara, Clara and Mother helped to
take the bags into the house.
The children looked inside the bags they
were carrying.

John saw onions and tomatoes.
Mara saw wheat flour and rice.
Clara saw meat, fish and salt.

Mara and Clara went to clean their room.
John went outside to check if the carpet
had dried.

Father and Mother looked at the clean
compound.

“Very good work, my children,” Father said.

Father and Mother walked into the house.

The house was very clean.

They were happy with the children.

“They have done well,” Mother said.



Mother went to the kitchen.
She started cooking.
John came to the door.
“Father, the carpet is dry,” he said.
Father and John walked outside.
They carried the carpet into the house.
“Our home is very clean now,” Father said.



The carpet was clean.

It smelled nice too.

Father and John moved the seats aside.

They spread the carpet on the floor.

“I bought a new stand for the radio.

John, please help me fix the stand,” Father said.

Father asked John to hold the stand for him.

John and Father fixed the stand.





Father put the radio on the new stand.
John turned on the radio.
He sat on the sofa with Father.
They listened to some nice music from the
radio.
John went to the kitchen.
He came back with two glasses of juice.
John gave Father one glass of juice.
They drank juice.

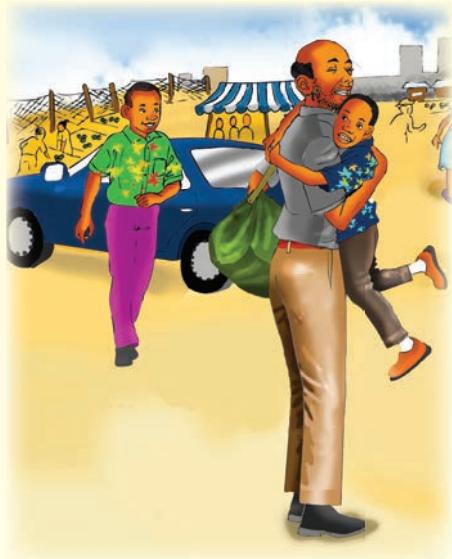
After some time, John and Father left to pick Grandfather from the bus stop.

When they got to the bus stop, John saw Grandfather.

John was very happy to see him.

He ran and hugged Grandfather.

They got into the car and went home.



Questions

1. How many sisters did John have?
2. Who was coming to visit?
3. Who cleaned the carpet?
4. What did John and Father fix?
5. Who did John hug?

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Grandfather is coming to visit. John, Mara and Clara help with work at home. They clean the whole house and compound. Father and mother are happy with the children.



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