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Oluhle wakes up early.
She is excited to get water.

“Come Mama, we have to be first
today,” she calls.



On the way they meet
Nathi and Unathi.
They are going to the tap
with their mother.



Oluhle and her friends play while
the grown-ups get water.

“Oluhle, your bucket is full,”
says Mama.



At home, Oluhle takes a bath.
Mama goes to work and Oluhle
stays with Makhulu.



In the afternoon Makhulu
starts to make supper.
She needs more water.
She calls Oluhle so they
can go to the tap.



“Makhulu, I can’t find my bucket.
I searched everywhere,”
says Oluhle.

Makhulu helps her look, but the
bucket is nowhere to be found.




Makhulu thinks of a plan.
She gets a 2-litre bottle from
the cupboard and fetches
paints and paint brushes.



Makhulu makes a bucket from
the water bottle.
She paints it pink.
“Here’s a recycled bucket, Oluhle!”





“Thank you, Makhulu,” says Oluhle.
She is excited to go to the tap with
her new recycled bucket.



The next day Unathi and Nathi bring two bottles to Makhulu.

“Makhulu, could you please make recycled buckets for us?”





Makhulu paints their buckets
yellow and blue, their
favourite colours.
Nathi and Unathi are happy.
Oluhle is happy too.



The friends can't wait to show off
with their new buckets.

“Can we go to the tap now?”
they ask.





