

## Jumamosi alasiri

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Ilikuwa Jumamosi moja iliyokuwa na joto jingi sana katika mwezi wa Desemba.

Kila mtu alikuwa amenuna. "Bonte, Mefo na Lerato, nendeni nje mcheze!" Mama alitwambia.

"Siwataki hapa."





Tulikimbia nje ya nyumba.

"Twendeni mtoni. Kuna upepo mzuri huko." Lerato alisema.

"Mama alitukataza kuogelea mtoni," alisema Bonte.

"Hatutaogelea. Tutachezea tu kwenye kivuli karibu na maji," alijibu Lerato. Kwanza tulivua viatu vyetu. Lakini tulikuwa bado tunahisi joto. Tulivua sketi zetu na mashati.

Lakini tulikuwa bado tunahisi joto.



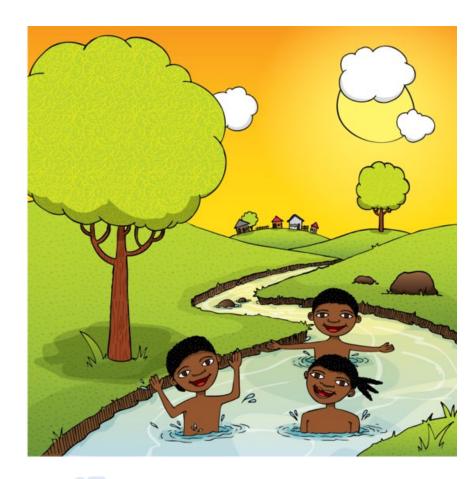
Tuliweka miguu yetu ndani ya mto kuifanya iwe baridi. Tulirushiana maji.

Punde kidogo tukawa tumeloa maji.



"Ah njoo! Hebu tuogelee. Mama hatawahi jua,"alisema Mefo.

Tuliogelea kwa muda mrefu na kusahau kuwa muda ulipita.



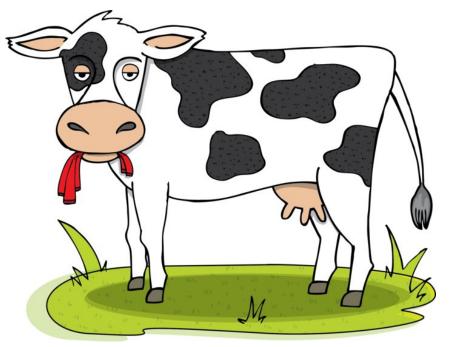


Jua lilianza kutua, na tulihisi baridi.

Lakini je, nguo zetu zilikuwa wapi?

Tuliangalia chini ya miti. Tuliangalia juu ya vichaka. Tuliangalia kila mahali.





Ng'ombe walikuwa wakifurahia nyasi tamu karibu na mto.

Bonte alipotazama juu, alisema, "Mwone yule ng'ombe! Nini kilicho mdomoni mwake?"

"Anakula ua jekundu," Lerato alisema.

"Sio ua jekundu. Ni shati lako." Mefo alipiga kelele.

Tulimwona ng'ombe mwingine. Alikuwa anakula kitu cha kisamwati.

"Hiyo ni sketi yangu!" alipiga kelele Bonte.



Tulienda nyumbani tukiwa tumevaa tu suruali zetu tukitetemeka. Lakini sio tu kwa ajili ya baridi.

"Walikuwa ng'ombe," tulilia.

"Ng'ombe walikula nguo zetu."

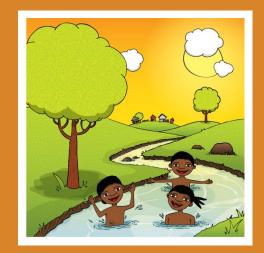
Lakini Mama alituamini?

Punde kidogo matako yetu yalikuwa na joto sana. Lakini sio kwa ajili ya jua.



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