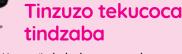
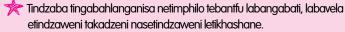


# SIKHATSI SEKUCOCA INDZABAL

Kucocelana tindzaba kuyintfo leyimvelo kumuntfu njengekudla nekulala! Letinye tindzaba lesiticocako lamuhla tindlulisiwe kusuka kusinye situkulwane kuya kulesinye, kantsi futsi letinye taletindzaba siticambele tona.



Kucoca tindzaba kuvusa umcabango webantfwana kanye nekusebentisa kwabo lulwimi.



Kucoca tindzaba tasebuntfwaneni bakho kusita bantfwana bakho kutsi bachumane nawe.

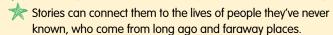
Kucoca tindzaba kungafundzisa bantfwana tifundvo tekuphila futsi kubasite bacabange ngelutsandvo, umona, umusa, emandla, lokuhle nalokubi.

# TS STORY TELLING TIME!

Sharing stories is as natural to human beings as eating and sleeping! Some of the stories we tell today have been passed down from generation to generation, while others are new ones that we create ourselves.

#### The benefits of storytelling

\* Storytelling stimulates children's imagination and their use of language.





Storytelling can teach children life lessons and help them think about love, jealousy, kindness, power, good and evil.



# Emalanga lesiwabungatako ngeNdlovulenkhulu Days to celebrate in March

| 1     | Lilanga Lekungabandlululi<br>Zero Discrimination Day               |
|-------|--|
| 3     | Lilanga Letindlebe Nekulahlekelwa Kuva<br>Ear and Hearing Loss Day |
| 3     | Lilanga Letilwane Tasiganga<br>World Wildlife Day                  |
| 6     | Lilanga Lencwadzi Lemhlaba<br>World Book Day                       |
| 8     | Lilanga Labomake Lemhlaba<br>International Women's Day             |
| 16-20 | Liviki Lemtapolwati<br>Library Week                                |
| 20    | Likwindla lekulingana kwemini nebusuku<br>Autumn equinox           |
| 20    | Lilanga Lenjabulo Lemhlaba<br>International Day of Happiness       |
| 21    | Lilanga Lemalungelo Eluntfu<br>Human Rights Day                    |
| 21    | Lilanga Letinkondlo Lemhlaba<br>World Poetry Day                   |
| 22    | Lilanga Lemanti Lemhlaba   |

World Water Day

# Faka ekhatsi kucoca tindzaba kwebantfwana bakho

#### Ngembi kwekucondza indzaba:

- Hlabela ingoma nobe uhlabele umlolotelo lohlobene nendzaba nobe lomunye webalingisi bayo.
- Buta bantfwana bakho kutsi tikhona yini letinye tindzaba labatatiko letifana nalendzaba lotawuyicoca. Sibonelo, "Uyatati yini tindzaba letimayelana nebantfwana labalahlekako/ nemazimu?"

#### Uma ucoca indzaba:

- Babute utsi, "Ucabanga kutsi yini letawenteka ngemuva kwaloko?"
- Bakhutsate kutsi bente imisindvo (sibonelo, kwenta umsindvo wemoya) nobe kunyakata kwemtimba (sibonelo, kwenta shengatsi bayahlamba bewela umfula) kute balingise tincenye talendzaba.

# Include your children in storytelling

#### Before telling a story:

- Sing a song or say a rhyme linked to the story or one of its characters.
- Ask your children if they know any other stories that are similar to the story you are about to tell. For example, "Do you know any stories about children getting lost/giants?"

#### While telling the story:

- Ask them, "What do you think will happen next?"
- Encourage them to act out parts of the story by making sound effects (for example, making the noise of the wind) or body movements (for example, pretending to swim across a river).

#### Julisa kuchumana ngetindzaba

#### Ngemuva kwekucoca indzaba:

- Basite bacabange ngendlela labativa ngayo kanye nemibono yabo ngalendzaba. Sibonelo tsani, "Nangicoca lendzaba, ingikhumbuta kutsi bangani labakahle babaluleke kangakanani. Ikukhumbuta ini?"
- Khuluma ngekutsi kungani balingisi basho nobe benta tintfo ngetindlela letitsite kulendzaba nekutsi ngutiphi letinye tindlela umlingisi langakhetsa kutiphatsa ngato.

#### Deepen connections with stories

#### After telling the story:

- Help them think about their feelings and opinions of the story. For example, say, "When I tell this story, it reminds me of how important good friends are. What does it remind you of?"
- Talk about why characters say or do things in particular ways in the story and about what other ways the character could choose to behave.



A STORY.

KUCALA

NGENDZABA

## Tinhlanyelo Telikhono Lekufundza Nekubhala.

Literacy Seeds.

## Imidlalo nekutijabulisa ngemafleshikhadi!

Batali nebanakekeli bebantfwana labatsandzekako, siyati kutsi bantfwana bafundza kalula nangabe loko labakufundzako kubajabulisa futsi nemisebenti labayentako ibajabulisa.

Emafleshikhadi ayindlela lejabulisako yekwetfulela bantfwana bakho emagama emibala, etilwane, etitselo, etintfo tekwembatsa nanoma nguyiphi lenye ingcikitsi lefanele iminyaka yabo. Emafleshikhadi nawo akabiti kakhulu futsi kulula kuwakha.



Dear parents and caregivers of young children, we know that children learn more easily when what they are learning is interesting and the activities they do are enjoyable.

Flashcards are a fun way to introduce your children to the names of colours, animals, fruit, clothing items or any other theme that is suitable for their age. Flashcards are also cheap and easy to make.

#### yakha emakhadi etilwane

- 1. Namatsisela likhasi le-3 ephepheni lelimhlophe.
- 2. Sitfombe ngasinye sesilwane sineligama laso ngetilwimi letimbili eceleni kwaso.
- 3. Sika ukhiphe sitfombe ngasinye sesilwane kanye nemagama aso.
- 4. Goba isethi ngayinye kute kutsi emagama abe ngemuva kwesitfombe.
- 5. Namatsisela lingemuva lesitfombe ngemuva kwemagama.

Nyalo-ke unesethi yemakhadi ekudlala. Beka lamakhadi neticondziso temidlalo endzaweni lephephile kute ukhone kudlala nebantfwana bakho lemidlalo nobe nini nawufuna.

Ekhasini le-13 leLushicilelo lweSengeto 192 kunetitfombe tetilwane tasepulazini longatisebentisa wente lenye isethi yemakhadi. Takhele akho emakhadi lanetitfombe letisikwe takhiswa emaphephabhukwini nobe lanemidwebo yetintfo letehlukene.

#### MAKE ANIMAL CARDS

- 1. Paste page 3 on scrap paper.
- 2. Each picture of an animal has its name in two languages next to it.
- 3. Cut out each animal picture and its names.
- 4. Fold each set so that the names are behind the picture.
- Paste the back of the picture to the back of the names.

You now have a set of playing cards. Put the cards and instructions for the games in a safe place so that you can play the games with your children whenever you want to.

On page 13 of Edition 192 there are pictures of farm animals that you could use to make another set of cards. Make your own cards with pictures cut out of magazines or with drawings of different objects.

#### Imidlalo longayidlala

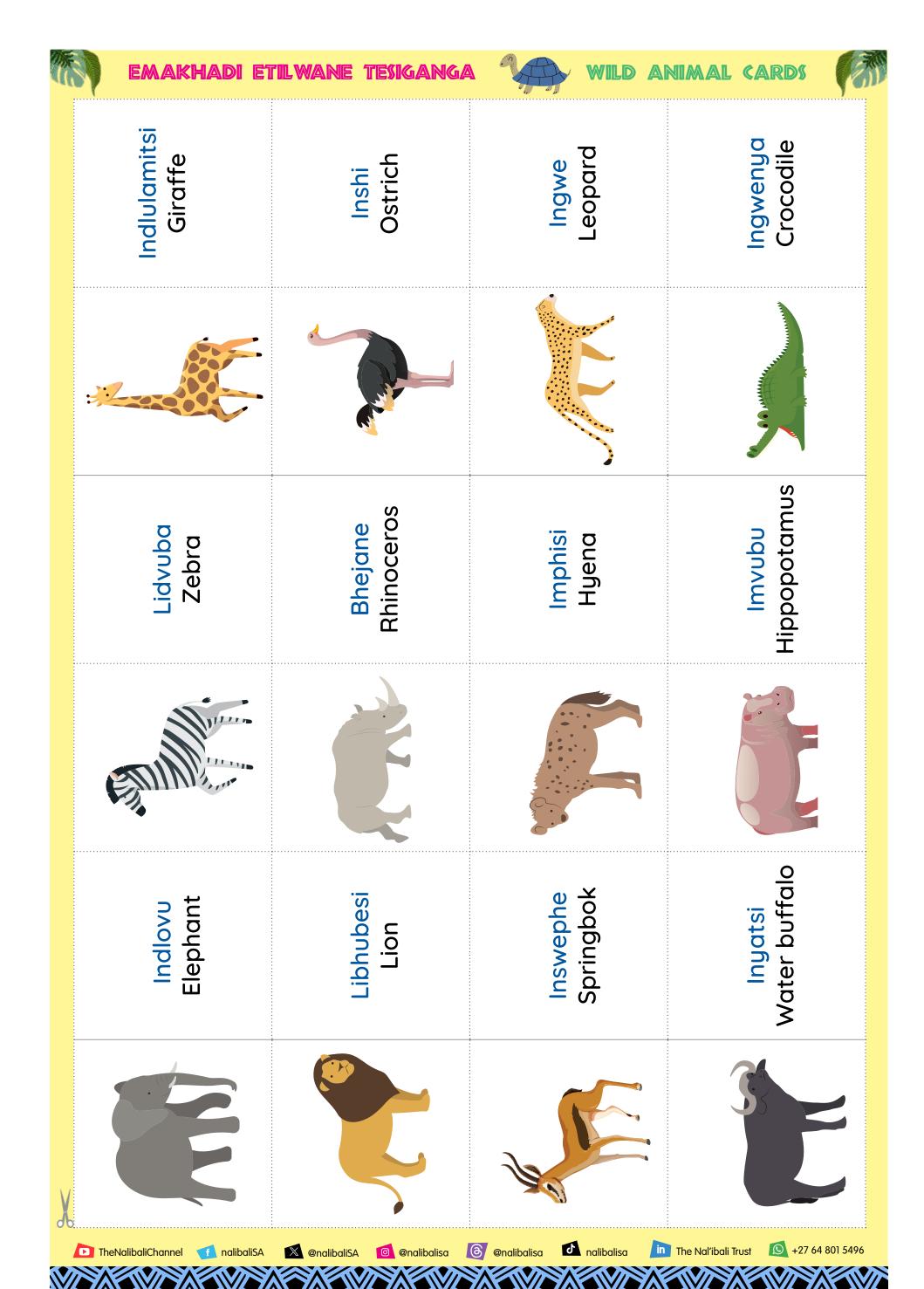
- Vumela bantfwana bakho babambe lamakhadi, babukisise titfombe futsi batetayete kusho emagama lobatjela wona.
- Tsatsa likhadi linye ngesikhatsi futsi ukhulume nemntfwana wakho ngalesilwane. Mbute: Yini ligama laso ngelulwimi lwakho lwasekhaya nangalolunye lulwimi? Sikhala njani? Sihlala kuphi? Sidla ini? Ungayicoca yini indzaba ngalesilwane?
- Nasewuainiseka kutsi umntfwana wakho sewuyasati silwane ngasinye, dlalani lemidlalo.
  - Umdlalo wekucagela: Khetsa likhadi linye kodvwa ungamkhombisi umntfwana wakho lesitfombe. Tsani: Ngicabanga ngesilwane... Banikete tinkhomba ngalesilwane, bese umntfwana wakho uyacagela kutsi yini ligama lalesilwane lokhuluma ngaso. Sibonelo: Lesilwane lesikhulu kakhulu lesinatsa emanti ngemboko waso (yindlovu).

#### Another game to play

- Let your children hold the cards, look carefully at the pictures, and practise repeating the words that you say to them.
- Take one card at a time and talk to your child about the animal. Ask: What is this animal's name in your home language and in another language? What sound does it make? Where does it live? What does it eat? Can you tell a story about this animal?
- When you are confident that your child knows each animal, you can play this game:
  - Guessing game: Choose one card but don't show your child the picture. Say: I am thinking of an animal... Give clues about the animal, and let your child guess the name of the animal you are talking about. For example: This is a very big animal that drinks water with its trunk (an elephant).



Learning should be enjoyable and satisfying! If your children don't remember the animal names and details or are not interested in the game, put the cards away and try again at a different time.





- Liphepha lelinemakhasi le 5, 6, 11 kanye nele-12 kulo lenta yinye incwadzi. Liphepha lelinemakhasi le- 7, 8, 9 kanye nele-10 lenta lenye incwadzi.
- Sebentisa liphepha ngalinye kwakha incwadzi. Landzela leticondziso letingentasi kwakha incwadzi ngayinye.
  - a) Goba liphepha libe yihhafu ulandzele umugca wemacashati lamnyama.
  - b) Ligobe futsi libe yihhafu ulandzele umugca wemacashati laluhlata.
  - c) Sika ulandzele imigca yemacashati labovu.





- 2. The sheet with pages 5, 6, 11 and 12 on it makes up one book. The sheet with pages (7), (8), 9 and 10 on it makes up the other book.
- Use each of the sheets to make a book. Follow the instructions below to make each book. a) Fold the sheet in half along the black dotted line.

b) Fold it in half again along the green dotted line. c) Cut along the red dotted lines.

Libhubesi belingakaze selive intfo lenjena. Ngekushesha latjela Logwaja, Jakalazi, Ingwe kanye neMvubu kutsi tonkhe letilwane tagjijima tayohlasela lesilwane kakhulu futsi tonkhe letilwane tagjijima tayohlasela lesilwane lesesabekako lesingatiwa.

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"Siphindze futsi samita sonkhe siganga," kwengeta Logwaja. "Futsi letilwane letisesiswini saso betifuna kusihlasela!" kusho

"Simite logwaja, jakalazi, ingwe kanye nemvubu," kuchaza

Letilwane letine tagijima tayofuna Libhubesi. Talitjela lendzaba yalesilwane lesesabekako lesingatiwa.

the monster.

Lion had never heard of such a thing. He immediately ordered Rabbit, Jackal, Leopard and Hippo to follow closely behind and together they rushed off to attack

said Hippo.

"And the animals in its stomach wanted to attack us!"

"It also swallowed the veld," added Rabbit.

"It swallowed a rabbit, a jackal, a leopard and a hippo," they explained, all talking at the same time.

The four animals ran to find Lion. They told Lion the story of the monster.





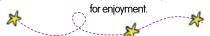
Ngesikhatsi befika lapho lesibuko besikhona khona, Logwajana naJakalazi basalela emuva. Bebesaba kutsi lesilwane lesesabekako sitabamita. Ingwe bayohlasela lesilwane lesesabekako. Nababona lenye imvubu nengwe kugijima kuta kubo, besaba lesesabekako! Silwane lesesabekako!

monster! A monster!"

When the animals got close to where the mirror was, Rabbit and Jackal stood back. They were afraid that the monster would swallow them. But Leopard and Hippo bravely ran forward to attack the monster. When they saw another hippo and leopard running towards them, they got such a fright that they ran away screaming, "A

Rabbit had never seen a mirror before. So when she found a mirror in the veld and saw herself reflected in it, she thought a strange animal had swallowed her and the bushveld. She ran to warn the other animals, but it swallowed every animal that came to see it.

This story was specially created for Nal'ibali to spark children's potential through storytelling and reading



Logwaja bekangakaze sekasibone sibuko ngaphambilini. Ngako-ke watsi nakatfola sibuko esigangeni futsi atibona kuso, wacabanga kutsi silwane lesingaketayeleki simite yena kanye nalesiganga. Wagijima wayocwayisa letinye tilwane, kodwa samita tonkhe tilwane lebetita titosibuka.

Lendzaba yakhiwa ngalokukhetsekile kute iNal'ibali ivuse likhono lebantfwana ngekucoca indzaba nekufundza ngenjongo yekutijabulisa.

#### Get story active!

- Can you draw a picture of your own face? When you have finished your drawing, hold your drawing next to your face while you look in the mirror. Does your drawing look like you?
- Think about this: Why do you think the monkey knew what the mirror was?
- You and a partner can role-play being mirror images of each other. When you do something, your partner should mirror the action. So when you move your right arm, your partner should move their left arm in the same way to create a mirror image.

#### Yenta indzaba ibe nemdlandla!

- Ungakhona yini kudwweba sitfombe sebuso bakho? Uma sewucedzile umdwwebo wakho, bamba umdwwebo wakho uwubeke eceleni kwebuso bakho ngesikhatsi ubuka esibukweni. Umdwwebo wakho uyafana nawe yini?
- 🜟 Cabanga ngaloku: Ucabanga kutsi kungani lengobiyane beyati kutsi sibuko siyini?
- Wena nemlingani wakho nidlale indzima nibe titfombe tesibuko talomunye nalomunye. Uma wenta intfo letsite, umlingani wakho kufanele asibukise lesento. Ngako-ke nawuhambisa umkhono wakho wangasekudla, umlingani wakho kufanele ahambise umkhono wakhe wangesencele kute wakhe sitfombe sesibuko.

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### The mirror in the bushveld



## Sibuko esigangeni

Melody Ngomane • Maria Lebedeva

**Ideas to talk about:** Look at the cover picture of the story. What do you notice about the rabbit compared to its reflection in the mirror? What do you think this story is about?

Imibono lokungakhulunywa ngayo: Buka sitfombe lesisekhaveni yalendzaba. Yini lokunakako ngalogwaja uma ucatsaniswa nemfanekiso wakhe losesibukweni? Ucabanga kutsi lendzaba imayelana nani?

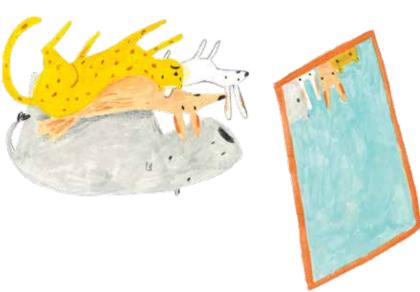
Mvubu akazange abanake futsi wachubeka nekutijabulisa ngekubhukusha kwakhe. Wacabanga watsi letilwane letintsatfu tetama kumkhohlisa. Kodvwa watsi nakabona kutsi tetfuke njani, waphuma emantini. Ngaleso sikhatsi Mvubu, Ingwe, Jakalazi kanye natsi nakabona kutsi tetfuke njani, waphuma emantini.

lesesabekako simite siganga kanye netilwane ngekusheshisa.

"Mvubu, siyakucela kutsi ute utosisita. Silwane



said Lion impatiently.



It was a hot day in the African bushveld, so Rabbit

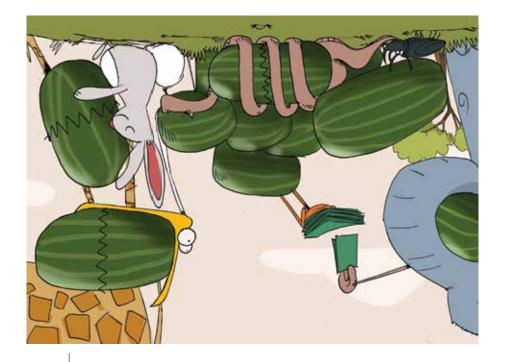
decided to hop down to the river for a drink of water. She was hopping along a dusty path when she saw something flashing in the sunlight. What could it be?

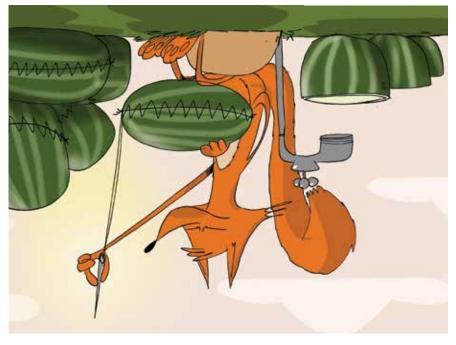
Bekulilanga lelishisako etigangeni letivulekile telihlatsi lase-Afrika, ngako-ke Logwaja wancuma kuhamba ehle aye emfudlaneni ayonatsa emanti. Abezubazuba kancane ahamba endleleni levulekile lenetintfuli ngesikhatsi abona lokutsite kumanyatela kukhanyiswa lilanga. Ingabe kuyini?



Watsengisa luhwabha lwakhe ngentsengo lephasi. Tilwane letinengi tatsenga kuMphungu Kamphungushe.

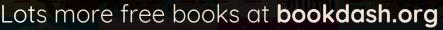
He sold his watermelons for a cheap price. Many animals bought from Foxy Joxy.





Ngemuva kwaloko ugewalisa lolugebuludla ngemanti! Watsatsa inyalitsi nemtiya watfunga wahlanganisa ndzawonye letingebuludla teluhwabha.

Then he filled it with water! He took a needle and thread and sewed the watermelon back together.





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stuffed inside it. You can add the text from that part of the story to your pictures.

Do you think the other animals' idea to teach Foxy Joxy a lesson was a clever one? What else do you think they could have done to teach Foxy Joxy not to check?

Write a letter to Foxy Joxy. Explain to him why he should behave better towards the other animals, and give him some ideas for doing so.

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#### Yenta indzaba ibe nemdlandla!

- Dvweba titfombe tetilwane letidlala libhola ngeluhwabha ngesikhatsi Mphungu Kamphungushe agcishwe lapha ekhatsi kuloluhwabha. Kuletitfombe takho ungafaka itheksthi yencenye yalendzaba.
- Ucabanga kutsi lombono waleti letinye tilwane wekufundzisa Mphungu Kamphungushe sifundvo bewuhlakaniphile yini? Ucabanga kutsi yini lenye lebebangayenta kute bafundzise Mphungu Kamphungushe kutsi angakhohlisi?
- Bhala incwadzi leya kuMphungu Kamphungushe. Mchazele kutsi kungani kufanele atiphatse kahle kuletinye tilwane, bese umnika imibono yekwenta njalo.

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## Foxy Joxy plays a trick



# Mphungu Kamphungushe wenta bucili

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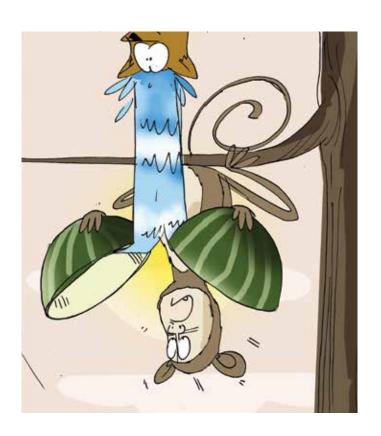
**Ideas to talk about:** What does it mean to play a trick on someone? Have you ever played a trick on someone? What did you do? Has someone ever played a trick on you? How did it make you feel?

Imibono lokungakhulunywa ngayo: Kusho kutsini kwentela lomunye umuntfu bucili? Wake wentelwa yini bucili ngumuntfu lotsite? Wentani? Ukhona yini ngumuntfu lowake wakwentela bucili? Loko kwakwenta wativa unjani?



"Loluhwabha lugcwele emanti kuphela," kwakhonona Ngobiyane.

"This watermelon has only water in it," complained Funky Monkey.





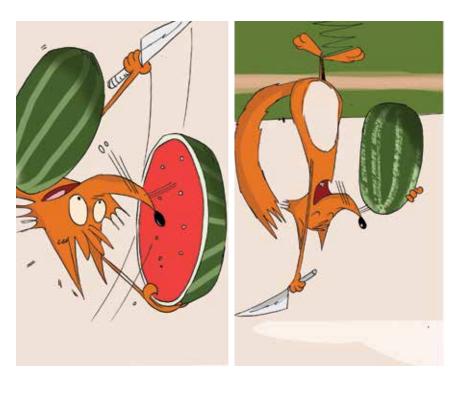
Wasika lihwabha lelikhulu, wagubhuluta konkhe lokungekhatsi wakudla wakumita masinyane.

He slit open a big watermelon, scooped out the fruit, and gobbled it up.

"Hho, phela utfole loko lokukhokhele," kwasho Mphungu Kamphungushe."

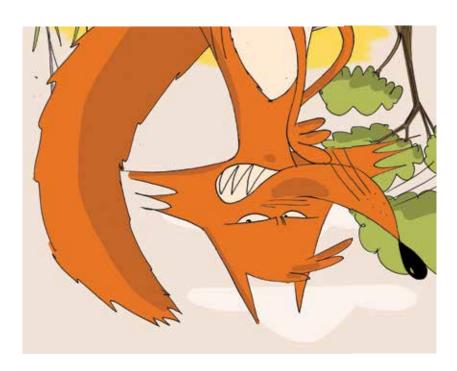
"Well, you got what you paid for," said Foxy Joxy.







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Mphungu Kamphungushe bekanembono lohlakaniphile.

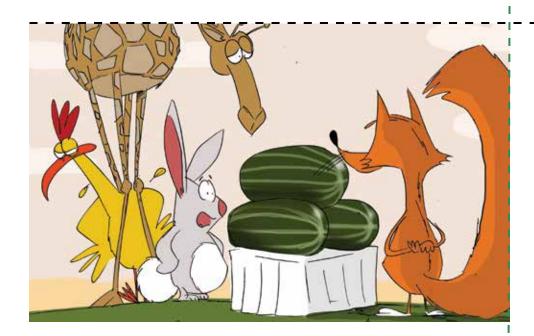
Foxy Joxy had a clever idea.

"Kufanele kutsi sifumndzise sifundvo Mphungu Kamphungushe," kwasho Ndlondlo Ndlovu. Letilwane tabese tiyahlangana futsi tatfola lisu. "Nginembono," kwasho Sasa Sahhukulu.



"We need to teach Foxy Joxy a lesson," said Ellie Elephant.

The animals gathered around and came up with a plan.
"I have an idea," said Oliver Owl.

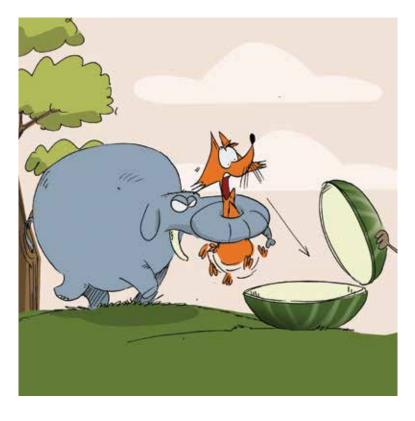


"Your price is too high," said Rabbit Jabbit.

"You are asking too much," said Gia Giraffe.

"Intsengo yakho yinkhulu kakhulu," kusho Mgwa Kamgwaja.

"Ubuta kakhulu," kusho Mandlula Ndlulamitsi. They took an empty watermelon, stuffed Foxy Joxy into it and played a game of rugby with it.



Batsatsa luhwabha lolute lutfo ekhatsi, bafaka Mphungu Kamphungushe lapha ekhatsi kulo babese badlala ngalo balenta ibhola.

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"Suka endleleni, Ngobiyane. Sinentfo letsite lebalulekile lokufanele siyente. Sijakele kuyohlasela silwane nesiganga," kusho Libhubesi seliphelelwe sineke.

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"Awu Bhubesi, ngiyajabula kakhulu kukubona," kusho Ingobiyane. "Ngicela ungisite ngitfole sibuko sami. Ukhona losintjontjile."

Endleleni yabo, bahlangana neNgobiyane lebeyibonakala shengatsi kukhona lokutsite lekufunako. Yazuba

"This is a mirror, not a monster," explained Monkey holding up his mirror. "You look at yourself in it. See, that's me in the mirror."

When the animals heard this, they all started laughing. And then they took turns admiring themselves in the mirror!

"Sibuko lesi, akusiso silwane lesesabekako," kuchaza iNgobiyane ibambe sibuko sayo, "Uyatibuka kuso. Bukani, ngimi lona kulesibuko."

Ngesikhatsi letilwane tiva loku, tonkhe tahleka. Futsi tashinjana titibuka kulesibuko!

Takhala kabuhlungu ngenca yekwesaba tase tiyagijima tayobita iMvubu.

ucawashi!

Kancane kancane, banyonyoba baya kulesibuko. Ngesikhatsi basondzela edvute, babona tilwane letintsatfu tibabuka. Letilwane lebetisekhatsi esiswini salesilwane lesesabekako betibukeka tifana nabo

kunalesilwane lesesabekako. Indwe naJakalasi balandako naJakalasi balandako naJakalasi balanda labho

Then Hippo, Leopard, Jackal and Rabbit rushed to the place where the mirror was.

were, she got out of the water.

Hippo didn't pay much attention to them and continued to enjoy her swim. She thought the three animals were trying to trick her. But when she saw how terrified they

"Hippo, please come and help us. A monster has swallowed the veld and three animals just like us!" said Jackal, talking as fast as possible.

call Hippo.

They screamed in fright and ran down to the river to

Slowly they crept up to the mirror. When they got close, they saw three animals looking at them. The animals inside the monster's stomach looked just like them!

monster was.

Jackal and Leopard followed Rabbit to where the

Rabbit had never seen a mirror before so she thought that it was a strange animal. She cautiously hopped closer. To her surprise, she saw the veld inside it and there was also a little white rabbit staring back at her. "That rabbit looks just like me!" Rabbit whispered, her voice trembling with fear.

Then she ran as fast as she could to find help. "Help! Somebody please help me!" she cried.



Logwaja abengakaze abone sibuko ngaphambilini ngakoke wacabanga kutsi silwane lesingaketayeleki. Wachubeka wasondzela. Lokwammangalisa, kubona siganga ekhatsi

kulesibuko futsi bekunalogwaja lomncane lomhlophe umbukile. "Lologwaja ufana nami!"

Kusho lologwaja ngelivi leliphasi, njengoba livi lakhe lichachatela ngekwesaba.

Logwaja wagijima ngematubane lamakhulu wayofuna lusito. "Sitani! Ngicela lotsite angisite!" akhala.

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Logwaja akawuphendvulanga lowombuto. Ngako, Logwaja naJakalazi bancuma kucela Ingwe kutsi ihambe nabo

"Uma utsi lesilwane lesesabekako simite sonkhe siganga, kungani tsine silapha singekho ekhatsi kulesilwane lesesabekako?" kubuta Jakalazi.

"Entasi kulendlela leya kulomfudlana. Simite sonkhe lesiganga kanye nalogwaja lomncane lomhlophe lofana nami." Kufinkhita Logwaja abibitseka.

"Zilwaue lesesapekako? Kuphi?" kwabuta Jakalazi atamula.

"It's on the path on the way to the river. It has swallowed the veld and a little white rabbit like me," sobbed Rabbit. "If the monster has swallowed the veld, why are we here and not inside the monster?" asked Jackal. Rabbit could not answer this question. So, Rabbit and Jackal decided to ask Leopard to go with them to see the monster.

"A monster? Where?" asked Jackal, yawning.

.pasabalala bangena etjanini lobudze. letitfukutsele tigijima ticondze kubo, bonkhe babaleka lesibuko. Kodvwa tatsi natibona licembu letilwane pesikhona, iMvubu kanye Nengwe bagijima bayohlasela Ngesikhatsi letilwane tifika edvute nalapho lesibuko njani lesilwane lesesabekako. itilandzele letilwane ngoba beyifuna kubona kutsi sibukeka Lengobiyane yakhwesha endleleni, kodvwa yancuma kutsi and hid in the long grass. animals charging toward them, they all scattered the mirror. But when they saw a group of angry was, Lion, Hippo, Jackal and Leopard charged When the animals got close to where the mirror wanted to see what the monster looked like. follow the animals because he was curious and Monkey moved out of the way but decided to

Jackal was resting in the shade of a big tree after hunting. He pretended not to hear Rabbit and hoped that another animals would help her. He felt too tired to help. But Rabbit ran straight to him.

"Jackal, help! A monster, a monster!" cried Rabbit.

Jakalazi abetiphumulele nje emtfuntini wesihlahla lesikhulu ngemuva kwekutingela. Wenta shengatsi akamuva Logwaja futsi wacabanga kutsi letinye tilwane titamsita. Wativa adzinwe kakhulu kutsi angasita. Kodvwa logwaja wagijima wacondza kuye.

"Jakalazi, sita! Silwane lesesabekako, silwane lesesabekako!" kukhala Logwaja.

When Monkey realised that the animals were terrified of his mirror, he burst out laughing. He ran to the mirror, smiled at his reflection and said, "I have been looking for you all day, my mirror."

When the other animals saw how friendly the monster was to Monkey, they crept out of their hiding places.



Ngesikhatsi Ingobiyane ibona kutsi letilwane betesaba sibuko sayo, yaphubuka yahleka, yamamatseka njengoba itibuka yatsi, "Bengisolo ngikufuna lonkhe lilanga, sibuko sami."

Lapho leletinye tilwane tibona kutsi lesilwane lesesabekako sinebungani neNgobiyane, tanyonyoba taphuma lapho betibhace khona.

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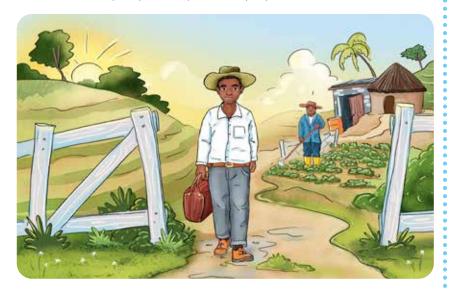
## Ludzevu Lwelibhubesi



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Thabo wakhulela epulazini ahlala namake wakhe, babe wakhe, banakabo nabodzadzewabo. Wonkhe umuntfu bekasita ngemsebenti wasepulazini, kepha bekuliciniso kutsi Thabo bekangawutsandzi mbamba lomsebenti. Bekangakhoni kubeketela kwenta umsebenti lomatima wasepulazini elangeni lelishisako onkhe malanga.

Babe waThabo, ngakulolunye luhlangotsi, bekawujabulela umsebenti lomatima futsi bekalitsandza lelipulazi. Bekangakhoni kuvisisa umoya waThabo wekungatfobeli umtsetfo. Ngalelinye lilanga, ngemuva kwekuphikisana lokukhulu emkhatsini wababe nendvodzana, Thabo watsatsa loko lokuncane labekanako wahamba walishiya lelipulazi wayofeza emaphupho akhe edolobheni.



Kwahamba iminyaka leminengi Thabo wacala wakhumbula kakhulu umndeni wakhe ikakhulukati babe wakhe. Watisola ngendlela lashiya ngayo lelipulazi futsi walangatelela kwakha kuthula nebantfu labekabatsandza. Kepha kwesaba kubukana nababe wakhe bekumenta aphelelwe ngemandla.

Nanoma Thabo bekafuna futsi afuna seluleko sekutsi angabulungisa kanjani budlelwane bakhe nababe wakhe, kute imibono layiva leyamnika kutetsemba kutsi abuyele epulazini ayobukana nababe wakhe.

Ngalelinye lilanga, umngani waThabo watsi, "Wake weva yini ngalendvodza lehlakaniphile lehlala efulethini lelilikhilomitha kuphela-nje kusuka enkhabeni yelidolobha? Kubonakala sengatsi inelwati lolukhetsekile kanye nemandla emfihlakalo."

"Ngiyabonga!" kwasho Thabo. "Mhlawumbe anganginika seluleko sekutsi ngingaphindze ngiwutfole njani umusa wababe."

Ngakusasa Thabo wavakashela lendvodza lehlakaniphile. Wayitfululela inhlitiyo yakhe, wakhuluma ngekutisola kwakhe kanye nesifiso sakhe lesikhulu sekubuyisana nababe wakhe.

Lendvodza lehlakaniphile yalalelisisa indzaba yaThabo yabese itsi, "Kulungisa loko lokubonakala kungalungiseki, kufanele ucale umsebenti longakavami. Angeke kube lula, kepha ikhona indlela yekuphumelela. Umsebenti wakho kutsi ungiletsele ludzevu loluhlutfwe esilevini selibhubesi ngesandla sakho. Kufanele ukwente loku libhubesi liphapheme.Kute lenye indlela."

Inhlitiyo yaThabo yacindzeteleka ngesikhatsi acabanga kutsi kufanele enteni. "Kufanele ngihlutfule ludzevu esilevini selibhubesi libuka!" Kwakhala Thabo kumngani wakhe. "Lomsebenti ubonakala sengatsi angeke wenteke!"

"Utawukhona kukwenta!" umngani wakhe wamcinisekisa.

Nanobe umcabango walomsebenti wenta Thabo wesaba kakhulu, kulangatelela kwakhe kulungisa tintfo nababe wakhe kwaba nemandla kakhulu kwendlula kwesaba kwakhe. Ngako-ke, ngalelinye lilanga ekuseni kakhulu, Thabo

wangenela luhambo lwakhe lwekufuna libhubesi.

Washiya lelidolobha futsi watfola indzawo yekuhlala kulomunye-nje ummango lomncane lebewuseceleni kwendzawo yekukonga imvelo. Watsi uma asuka lapho wafuna libhubesi lelindvuna lelilodwa. Ekugcineni, watfola umhume futsi wabona libhubesi ekhatsi kuwo.

Lokwalandzela lapho kwaba ngumsebenti wekutfola kwetsenjwa ngulelibhubesi. Onkhe malanga, kodwa abe agcina libanga leliphephile emkhatsini wakhe nalelibhubesi, Thabo bekahlebela umoya emavi lamnandzi lapholisako. Wabuka futsi wafundza imikhuba yelibhubesi, kutsi yini leliyitsandzako nalelingayitsandzi kanye netikhatsi lapho khona belibonakala lingacindzeteleki kakhulu emoyeni.

Ngemuva kwalo-ke Thabo wabese uba nelicebo. Onkhe malanga bekahamba nenyama lensha lebeyigocotelwe kahle. Kwatsi nakabona lelibhubesi, Thabo wabeka lenyama edwaleni, wenta siciniseko sekutsi selibhubesi liyabona kutsi lesipho sivela kuye.

Ekucaleni, lelibhubesi laphendvula ngekubhodla lokukhulu lokwavakala kulo lonkhe lelihlane. Nanoma kunjalo, Thabo wabeketela, wabuya lilanga nelilanga nenyama nemavi lapholisako.

Ekugcineni, kubhodla kwelibhubesi kwaba mnene. Laphindze lavumela Thabo kutsi asondzele edvute kakhulu kwaze kwaba ngulapho Thabo abeka lenyama endzaweni lefinyelelwa yimihlatsi yalelibhubesi lenemandla. Ekugcineni, futsi ngetandla letivevetelako, Thabo wahlutsa ngekucophelela ludzevu esilevini selibhubesi.



Njengobe asabephetse ludzevu lwelibhubesi alunkonkoshele, Thabo wabuyela kulendvodza lehlakaniphile. Ngekutfobeka lokukhulu nekubonga Thabo wanika lendvodza loludzevu loluliligugu. Wahlala emuva, alindze lendvodza lehlakaniphile kutsi icale kwenta umsimeto ngaloludzevu. Esikhundleni saloko, lendvodza lehlakaniphile yajikijela loludzevu emlilweni lochuchumbako ibindze dvu!

Wetfuka Thabo futsi wadideka. "Ukwentelani loko?" wahefutela. "Ngibeke kuphila kwami engotini ngenca yalolo ludzevu!"

Lendvodza lehlakaniphile yambuka ngemoya lophasi yaphendvula yatsi, "Ase ungitjele Thabo, kulula yini kupholisa inhlitiyo yelibhubesi kuneyababe lotsandzekako? Babe akalufuni yini lutsandvo lwendvodzana yakhe kwendlula libhubesi lelifuna inyama?"

Thabo waliva liciniso lemavi alendvodza lehlakaniphile enhlitiyweni yakhe wambonga ngelusito lwakhe. Ngesikhatsi Thabo ahamba, bekati kutsi kutawuba ngumsebenti lomatima kulungisa budlelwano bakhe nababe wakhe, kepha konkhe bekutawuba kuhle. Wabona kutsi ngekuhamba kwesikhatsi, kutimisela nekuba nenhlitiyo letfobekile utawuphumelela.

#### Yenta indzaba ibe nemdlandla!

- Dvweba sitfombe selibhubesi. Faka imibala kulesitfombe bese usibeka lapho umndeni wakho utawusibona khona.
- Ucabanga kutsi yini lencono, yimphilo yasepulazini noma yimphilo yasedolobheni? Yenta luhlu lwetintfo letisihlanu letinhle ngemphilo yasepulazini kanye netintfo letisihlanu letinhle ngemphilo yasedolobheni.
- Ucabanga kutsi Thabo angatsini kubabe wakhe? Bhala incwadzi lebuya kuThabo leya kubabe wakhe ngemuva kwekuhlangana kwakhe nelibhubesi.



### The lion's whisker



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Thabo grew up on a farm with his mother, father, brothers and sisters. Everyone helped with the work on the farm, but the truth was that Thabo really didn't like it. He couldn't bear doing the hard farm work under the scorching hot sun every day.

Thabo's father, on the other hand, enjoyed the hard work and loved the farm. He could not understand Thabo's rebellious spirit. One day, after a heated argument between father and son, Thabo took what little he owned and left the farm to follow his dreams in the city.



Many years went by and Thabo began to feel a deep longing for his family, especially his father. He regretted the way he had left the farm and longed to make peace with his loved ones. But the fear of facing his father paralysed him.

Although Thabo searched and searched for advice on how to mend his relationship with his father, none of the ideas he heard gave him the confidence to return to the farm to face his father.

One day, Thabo's friend said, "Have you heard of the wise man who lives in a flat only a kilometre from the city centre? Apparently, he has special knowledge and mystical powers."

"Thank you!" said Thabo. "Maybe he can give me advice on how to regain my father's favour."

The next day Thabo visited the wise man. He poured his heart out, sharing his regrets and his earnest desire to reconcile with his father.

The wise man listened attentively to Thabo's story and then he said, "To fix what seems unfixable, you must embark on an exceptional quest. It will not be easy, but there is a way to succeed. Your task is to bring me a lion's whisker plucked by your very own hand. You must do this while the lion is awake. There is no other way."

Thabo's heart sank at the thought of what he had to do. "I have to pluck a lion's whisker while it is awake!" Thabo cried to his friend. "The task seems impossible!"

"You can do it!" his friend assured him.

Although the thought of the task filled Thabo with dread, his longing to make amends with his father burned brighter than his fear. So, early one morning, Thabo set off on his quest.

He left the city and found a place to stay in a small village on the edge of a nature reserve. From there he sought out a lone male lion. Eventually, he found a cave and saw a lion inside.

Next came the task of gaining the lion's trust. Each day, while keeping a safe distance, Thabo whispered soothing words into the wind. He watched and learnt the lion's habits, what it liked and disliked and the moments when it seemed less tense.

Then Thabo came up with a plan. Every day, he carried a carefully wrapped piece of fresh meat with him. When he saw the lion, Thabo laid the meat on a rock, making sure that the lion saw that the gift was from him.

In the beginning, the lion responded with fierce growls that echoed through the wilderness. Nevertheless, Thabo persevered, returning day after day with meat and soothing words.

Eventually, the lion's growls grew softer. He also allowed Thabo to come closer and closer until Thabo placed the meat within reach of the lion's mighty jaws. Finally, and with trembling hands, Thabo carefully plucked one of the lion's whiskers.



With the lion's whisker firmly in his grasp, Thabo returned to the wise man. With great humility and gratitude Thabo handed over the precious whisker. He sat back, waiting for the wise man to begin a ritual with the whisker. Instead, the wise man tossed the whisker into the crackling fire without a word!

Thabo was shocked and confused. "Why did you do that?" he gasped. "I risked my life for that whisker!"

The wise man looked at him calmly and replied, "Tell me, Thabo, is it easier to soothe the heart of a lion than that of a beloved father? Does a father not want the affection of his son more than a lion wants meat?"

Thabo felt the truth of the wise man's words in his heart and thanked him for his help. As Thabo walked away, he knew it would be hard work to mend his relationship with his father, but it would all be worth it. He realised that with time, determination and a humble heart he would succeed.

#### Get story active!

- Draw a picture of a lion. Colour in the picture and put it where your family will see it.
- What do you think Thabo could say to his father? Write a letter from Thabo to his father after his experience with the lion.
- What do you think is better, life on a farm or life in the city? Make a list of five positive things about farm life and five positive things about city life.

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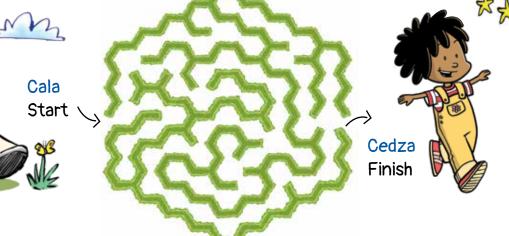


Find **8** differences between these two pictures.



- Noodle wahamba welula emadvolo ehlatsini. Ungamsita yini kutsi afike ekhaya kuBella aphephile?
  - % Noodle went for a walk in the forest. Can you help him get home safely to Bella?





Dlala umdlalo wekucoca indzaba lapho khona umuntfu ngamunye ecenjini acoca incenye yendzaba.

Kute ulungiselele lomdlalo, khetsa emathoyisi nobe tintfo letisihlanu bese utifaka esikhwameni longeke ukhone kubona ngale kwaso.

- Vumela wonkhe umuntfu ecenjini ahlale endingilizini.
- 2. Nika umuntfu lotawucala lendzaba lesikhwama bese umcela kutsi akhiphe intfo yinye esikhwameni angayibuki.
- Kufanele babese bacala lendzaba ngekutsi batsi Kwesukasukela .. bese bahlela lendzaba basebentisa intfo labayikhiphe esikhwameni. Sibonelo: Nangabe bakhipha sikhiya esikhwameni, bangakhuluma batsi: Kwake kwaba khona, indvodza lenjinge kakhulu leyakhiyela ligolide layo esifeni sensimbi lesikhulu ... yalahlekelwa sikhiya sesisefo ... Yatsi nayibuka ngaphasi kwembhedze wayo ...
- Ndlulisela sikhwama kumuntfu lolandzelako kute achubeke nendzaba kuze kube ngulapho umuntfu ngamunye wabo asalitfolile litfuba.

Play a storytelling game where each person in a group tells a part of the story.

To prepare for the game, choose five toys or objects and put them in a bag that you cannot see through.

- Let everyone in the group sit in a circle.
- Give the bag to the person who will start the story and have them pull one object from the bag without looking into it.
- They should then start the story with *Once upon a time* ... and set up the story using the object that they pulled from
  - For example: If they pulled a key out of the bag, they could say: Once upon a time, there was a very rich man who locked up his gold in a big iron safe ... he lost the key to the safe ... When he looked under his bed ...
- Pass the bag to the next person to continue the story until each person has had a turn.

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