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# World Read Aloud Day

with **Nal'ibali**

Help us read our special story aloud to as many children as possible this World Read Aloud Day, **1 February 2023** – and every day – and be part of building literacy in South Africa! Our special story, *Every day's a story* was written by Tumisang Shongwe and illustrated by Rico. The story is available in all 11 official South African languages. You can read the story aloud to children who are 6 years and older. Children aged 3 to 6 will enjoy *listening* to the story while you tell it to them.



## Every day's a story!



Tumisang Shongwe • Rico Schacherl

**Ideas to talk about:** What do you think is happening in the picture above? What is your favourite story to read or tell? What did you do or see today that you would like to tell your family about?

## Before you read the story aloud

- ★ Get to know the story well enough so that you can retell it or read it aloud in your own way.
- ★ Think about how to bring the story to life. Decide what facial expressions and gestures you want to use.
- ★ Choose a time of the day to share the story when your whole family is together.
- ★ Practise telling or reading the story aloud. Change your voice to suit different characters.
- ★ Arrange for each character in the story to be read by a different family member or friend.



Pledge to read aloud together as a family this **World Read Aloud Day** – and every day. Sign up at [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org) or WhatsApp the word **"WRAD"** to **0600 44 22 54**. Each family that signs up will have the opportunity to join Nal'ibali's **World Read Aloud Day family-reading journey**.

You will receive **additional stories** as well as **tips and ideas** on how to read with your children throughout the year.



Spread a love of stories!  
Pass on this story resource or share it with someone you know.



# Every day's a story!

Story by Tumisang Shongwe ■ Illustrations by Rico

Neo, Mbali and Gogo are visiting Afrika's house for the holiday. Bella has come along too.

On Monday they spend the whole day on Afrika's uncle's farm. They collect eggs, pick mealies and ride on the tractor.

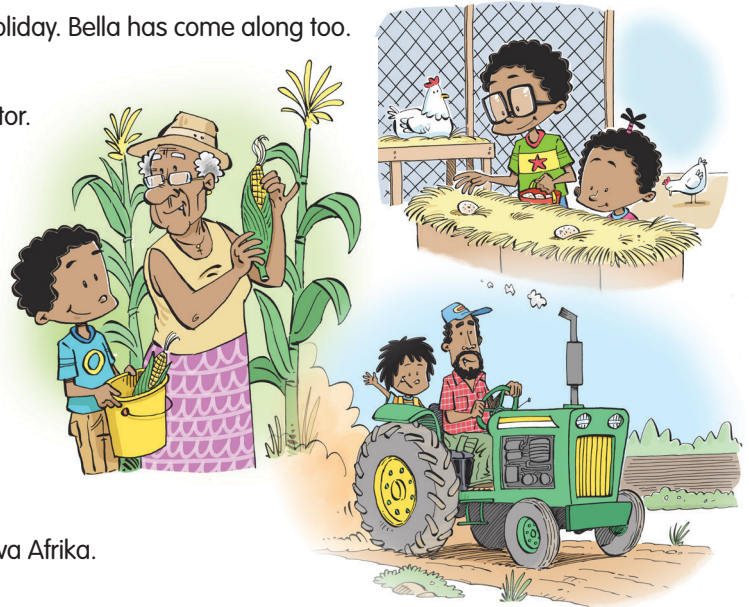
"Such hard workers deserve a treat," says Uncle as he roasts mealies for the children to eat.

Bella can't wait to tell her friends at school about this day.

On Tuesday Neo, Afrika and Bella help Gogo bake delicious scones. Gogo gives Mbali some dough to play with. When the scones have cooled, Mme wa Afrika breaks open five scones and puts some jam on each. Everyone gets one, except Mbali and Dintle.

"They are too young to eat scones and jam," says Mme wa Afrika. "They can have some banana."

Neo writes down the scone recipe. "One day when Mbali and Dintle are older, I will bake scones for them," he smiles.



On Wednesday afternoon the whole family watches a television show. Just when the story reaches the most exciting part ... *Poof!* The television switches off!

Oh no! Load shedding! What will they do now?

"I suppose it's nap time for Mbali and Dintle," says Mme wa Afrika. She takes Mbali and

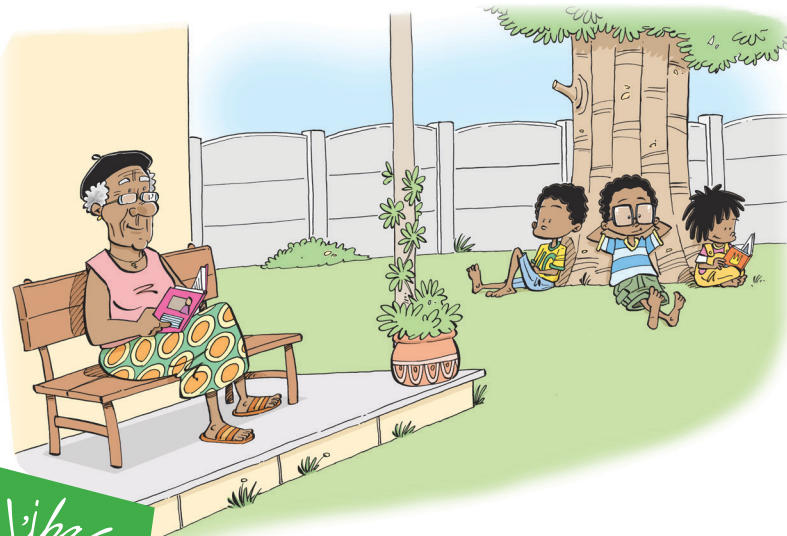
Dintle to the bedroom and covers them with a blanket. Then she tells them a story. Soon they are both fast asleep.



Gogo scratches in her handbag and pulls out the book she found at the library. Gogo always has a book in her bag! She goes outside to sit on the bench on the stoep. She can see Afrika, Neo and Bella sitting under the big tree in the garden.

"I'm so bored," says Neo.

"There's nothing for us to do," Afrika says.





Bella doesn't say anything. She is looking at a book that she found in the reading corner in the sitting room.

"What's your book about, Bella?" asks Neo.

"I can't read the words, but the pictures show a very rich man," says Bella.

"I have an idea!" says Afrika. "I can read the book to you and then we can all act out the story!"

"That's a great idea!" says Neo.

Bella gives the book to Afrika.

"This one is about Mansa Musa," says Afrika. Then he reads the story about Mansa Musa, the rich emperor of Mali who gave away lots of gold. Afrika widens his eyes and waves his hands around as he reads the story, making Neo and Bella laugh.

"The end," says Afrika as he closes the book. "Now let's act out the story!"

"I'll be Mansa Musa!" Bella says. The children find some cardboard, glue and buttons and make a crown for Bella to wear on her head.

Bella picks up stones and hands them to Neo and Afrika. "Here's gold for you, friends. Go and buy yourselves some cows."

Then they all act out the story together.

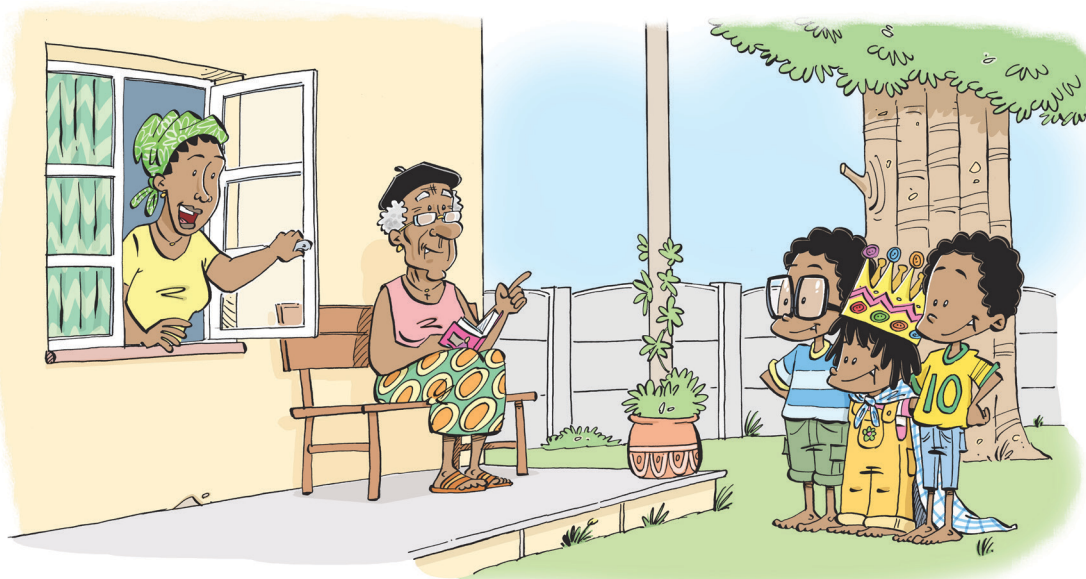
Mme wa Afrika hears the children laughing. She looks out of the bedroom window and sees them acting out the story. She watches the show with delight.

"That was fun! We should do it again tomorrow with a different story!" says Neo.

"Count me in!" Mme wa Afrika calls out excitedly.

"Me too!" Gogo shouts from the stoep. "Acting out a story is better than watching it on television!"

For the rest of the holiday the whole family enjoys story time every afternoon. And every story is an adventure!



# Every child enjoys a story every day!

After reading the story together, talk about what happened in the story. Ask open-ended questions to encourage your children to think and talk about ideas linked to the story, for example, "What is your favourite part of the story?" If you have older children, you could encourage them to find out more about Mansa Musa and other interesting African historical figures.

## Grow a love of reading together

When you enjoy a story with your children every day, it:

- ⦿ shows them that you think books and reading are important.
- ⦿ gives you things to talk about as a family.
- ⦿ builds a strong bond between you.
- ⦿ helps them see that reading is an enjoyable and rewarding activity.
- ⦿ shows them how we read and how books work.
- ⦿ lets them enjoy stories that they cannot yet read on their own.
- ⦿ encourages them to learn to read for themselves, and then to keep reading.
- ⦿ helps develop literacy and emotional skills so that they can cope well at school and in society.



Colour me!

## Get story active!

- ★ Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story.
- ★ Colour in the picture above.
- ★ Why don't you try acting out this story or a part of it with a group of your friends and family? You could show how you would collect eggs, ride on a tractor and pick mealies. Use actions, words and voices to make it fun!
- ★ Write down a recipe for your favourite food. Draw a picture of the food. Why is this your favourite food?
- ★ Make a crown with cardboard, glue, beads and pieces of material and dry pasta pieces.



Share photos and videos of you and your children enjoying the **World Read Aloud Day** story and activities on our Facebook page!



**Nal'ibali** (isiXhosa for "here's the story") is a national reading-for-enjoyment campaign. Our vision is a South Africa where every child enjoys a story every day.



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