

# NAL'IBALI

## Zwine vha ita uri wana wavho a nwale

Vho no vhuya vha zwi vhona uri vhana vhatuku vha vhonala vha tshi guda hu si na vhuleme? Kha vha humbule nga zwine vhana vha vhukale ha miñwaha ya rathi vha divha na zwine vha nga ita nga luambo vha sa athu vhuya vha thoma tshikolo!

### Zwine vhana vha gudisa zwone u nwala?

U guda u nwala a two ngo fhambanesa na u guda u amba! Musi vhana vha tshi vhona zwithu two nwaliwaho tsini navho na u talela vhañwe vha tshi khou shumisa u nwala vhutshiloni havho ha ñuvha ñiñwe na ñiñwe, vha vha na dzangalelo ja u ñoda u nwala. Vha vhona riñe ri tshi shumisa u nwala u itela u davhidzana na u kwamana na vhañwe na uri, musi vha na zwine vha ñoda u amba, vha lingedza u nwala! U thoma u tala mitalo ya masongesonge havho hu nga vha "u edzisa u nwala", fhedzi izwi ndi maga a u thoma a u shumisa u nwala u itela u davhidzana. U tou fana na kha u guda u amba, vhana vha vha khwine kha u nwala musi ri tshi vha ñutuwedza, u nwala navho na u vha nwalela, na u vhalo zwine vha nwala.



## How to get your child writing

Have you noticed how young children seem to learn without very much effort? Think about what six-year-olds know and can do with *language* before they even get to school!



### How do children learn to write?

Learning to write is not very different from learning to talk! When children see print around them and watch others using writing in their daily lives, they become curious about writing. They see us using writing to communicate and interact with each other and then, when they have something they want to communicate, they give writing a try! Their first squiggles may just be "pretend writing", but these are the first steps in using writing to communicate. Just like with learning to talk, children get better at writing when we encourage them, write with and to them, and read what they write.

### Vha nga thusa hani u bveledza u nwala ha nwana wavho

Kha vha vha sumbedze uri zwine vha amba zwi nga nwaliwa na u vhaliva. Sa tsumbo, musi vho ola tshifanyiso, kha vha vha vhudzise arali vha tshi nga takalela u thusiwa nga vhone u nwala zwiniwewho nga tshifanyiso. Kha vha nwale maipphi ane vha vha vhudza nga phasi ha tshifanyiso tshavho vha kone u vha vhalo maipphi ayo.

Kha vha vha sumbedze nqila dzo fhambanaho dzine vha dzi shumisa u nwala. Kha vha tendele vhana vhavho vha tshi vha vhona vha tshi khou nwala - kha vha ite mutevhe wa zwirengwa, kha vha nwale vhrifhi kana imeli, kha vha vhe na dzenala ine vha rekhoda mihumbulo na vhuqipphi zwavo.

Kha vha vha sumbedze uri ri nwalela u davhidzana. Kha vha nwalele nwana wavho mulaedza mufhufhi vha mu vhudze uri vha mu funa nga maanda vha kone u vhea mulaedza hune a do u wana - Kha bugu ine a i funesa kana musiameloni wawe.

Kha vha vha sumbedze uri vha dzhiela ntha zwine vha nwala. Arali nwana wavho a vha nwalela zwiñwe zwithu, kha vha fhindule. Tshinwe hafhu, kha vha tane zwe a ola na u nwala hayani.



### How to help develop your children's writing

Show them that what we say can be written down and then read. For example, when they have drawn a picture, ask them if they would like you to help them write something about it. Write down the words they tell you under their picture and then read the words back to them.

Show them the different ways you use writing. Let your children see you writing - make a shopping list, write a letter or an email, keep a journal in which you record your thoughts, ideas and feelings.

Show them that we write to communicate. Write a short note to your child telling them how much you love them and then put the note in a place where they will find it - in their favourite book or on their pillow.

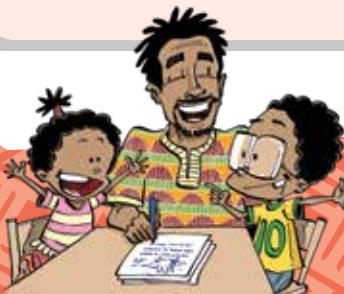
Show them that you value what they write. If your child writes something to you, write back to them. Also, display their drawings and writing at home.

Kha vha vhalo zwine vhana vhavho vha nwala na u nea mahumbulwa nga zwe nga vha nwala madzuloni a zwe vha nwala zwone. U nwala u bva kha tshamonde u ya kha tshaula nga murivalo wo nakaho na mupelelo wone zwi da nga murahu ha tshifhinga vhunga vhana vha tshi dzulela u vhalo na u nwala navho na vhañwe.

Read what your children write and comment on what they have written about rather than on how they have written it. Writing from left to right with beautiful handwriting and correct spelling all come with time as children read and write regularly with you and others.



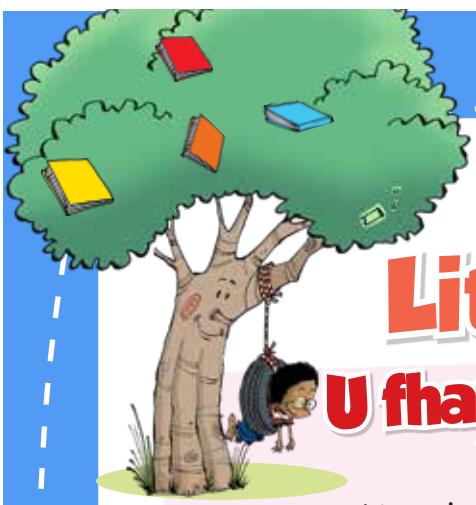
IT STARTS WITH  
A STORY.  
ZWI THOMA NGA  
TSITIORI.



# Mbeu dza Vhukoni ha u Vhala na u Nwala !

## Literacy Seeds!

### U fhaṭa ya vhukonani!



Kha vhabebi na vhat̄hogomeli vha vhana vhat̄uku, u thusa vhomuṭuku uri vha fhaṭe vhukonani ndi nga ha u sika zwikhala, u sumbedza zwikili zwa matshilisano na u ḥetshedza ngeletshedzo. Dzinwe ndila dzine vha nga tikedza ngadzo vhana vhavho u bveledza vhut̄ama khedzi:

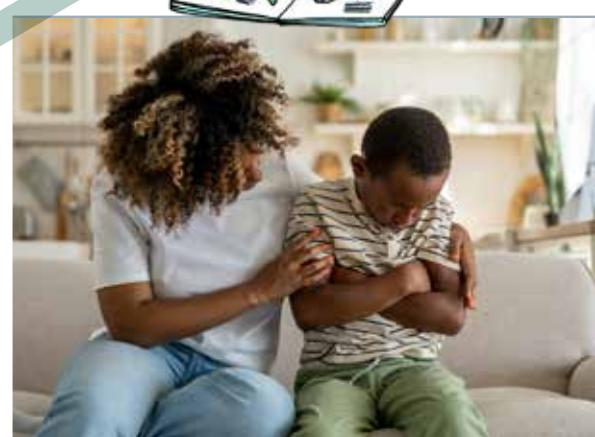
1. Kha vha dzudzanye mađuvha a u tamba na vhařwe vhana vha murole muthihi. Kha vha thome nga nyito pfhufhi dzo dzudzanywaho zwavhuđi nga zwit̄uku vha ite uri sesheni dza u tamba dzi vhe ndapfhu. Kha vha vha ise phakhani, laiburari kana sentharani dza zwitshavha hune vha nga ḥangana na vhařwe vhana.
2. Kha vha vha sumbedze uri vha ḥi ḥivhadza hani: "Ndaa/Aa, dzina ḥanga ndi \_\_\_\_\_. Ni ḥoda u tamba?"  
Kha vha funze zwikili zwa mutheo u fana na u kovhana, u sielisana na u shumisa maipfhi a sumbahao vhulenda.
3. Kha vha ḥut̄uwedze mitambo ya vhat̄hu vhot̄he ine ya vha thusa u guda u shumisana.
4. Vhařwe vhana vha a lenga u ḥanganedza vhařwe—vha songo vha ḥea mutsiko wa ur vha ambe na u tamba vhot̄he vha sa athu lugela izwo. Arali ḥwana wavho a tshi khou kolořwa, kha vha mu ḥut̄uwedze zwavhuđi fhedzi vha mu tendele a thome u amba na vhařwe nga hune a kona ngaho.
5. Kha vha vha funze ndila dza u tinya khuđano. Sa tsumbo, nga u shumisa maipfhi madzuloni a u dzhavhulelana zwitambiswa kana u ḥavhelana mikosi. Kha vha vha eletshedze nga uri vha nga tandululisa hani u sa tendelana: "Arali a sa ḥodi u tamba na inwi, ni nga humbela muřwe u tamba na inwi kana na ita zwiřhevho."
6. Kha vha vha khođele uri vho kona u vhumba vhukonani, naho vha tshi shona kana zwi songo tshimbila zwavhuđi. Sa tsumbo: "Ndo vhona ni tshi ḥea tshitambiswa tshanu Zola. Ndi zwavhuđi hezwo!"
7. Vhařwe vhana zwi nga vha džiela tshifhinga tshilapfhu u ḥanganedza vhařwe kana u wana khonani dzi fanaho navho. Kha vha sedze uri vha tambisa hani na vhařwe vha phalale hune zwa fanelo, fhedzi vha vha tendele vha tshi vha vho diimisaho kha nzulele dza matshilisano.



### Making friends!

Dear parents and caregivers of young children, helping your young ones make friends is all about creating opportunities, modelling social skills and providing guidance. Here are some ways in which you can support your children in developing friendships:

1. Arrange playdates with other children of a similar age. Start with short, well-prepared activities and gradually make the play sessions longer. Take them to parks, libraries or community centres where they can meet other children.
2. Show them how to introduce themselves: "Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. Do you want to play?" Teach basic skills like sharing, taking turns and using kind words.
3. Encourage communal games that help them learn teamwork.
4. Some kids warm up slowly—don't pressure them to interact before they feel ready. If your child seems hesitant, encourage them gently but let them approach others at their own pace.
5. Teach them ways to avoid conflict. For example, by using words instead of grabbing toys or yelling. Guide them in how to handle disagreements: "If they don't want to play, you can ask someone else or do something different."
6. Praise their efforts to make friends, even if they're shy or it doesn't go well. For example: "I saw you share your toy with Zola. That was really nice!"
7. Some children may take longer to open up or find the right match. Monitor how they interact with others and step in when necessary, but also allow them to be independent in social settings.



## Miñwe mitambo yavhuđi ya u fhađa vhukonani



Mitambo i tūtuwedzaho tshumisano na u katela vharīwe

### U poselana Bola (Vhukale 2-4)

Kha vha dzule vho ita tshitendeledzi vha poselane bola ngeno vha tshi khou imbelela liimbo kana u amba dzina la ñwana muñwe na muñwe.

### Zwidulo zwa Muzika (Vhukale 3-6)

Madzuloni a u bvisa vhatambi, kha vha bvise zwidulo vha tūtuwedze vhana u dzulisana.

Mitambo i tūtuwedzaho vhusiki, vhudavhidzani na vhudifulufheli

### Mutambo wa Kholekhole (Vhengele, Dokotela, Khishi, nz.) (Vhukale 2-6)

Vhana vha nanga mishumo (mubadelisi, murengi, dokotela, mulwadze) vha ita nyito dza nyimele dza ñuvha lñwe na lñwe.

### U humbulela Phukha (Vhukale 3-6)

Vhana vha a sielisana di ita zwipuka ngeno vharīwe vha tshi humbulela uri ndi tshifhio.



## Some great games to build friendships

Games that encourage cooperation and inclusion

### Pass the Ball (Ages 2-4)

Sit in a circle and pass a ball while singing a song or saying each child's name.



### Musical Chairs (Ages 3-6)

Instead of eliminating players, remove chairs and encourage kids to share seats.

Games that encourage creativity, communication and confidence

### Pretend Play (Store, Doctor, Kitchen, etc.) (Ages 2-6)

Kids take on roles (cashier, customer, doctor, patient) and act out everyday situations.

### Animal Charades (Ages 3-6)

Kids take turns acting like animals while others guess what they are.



Mitambo i tūtuwedzaho vhushumisani, u kondelela na u shumisana

### U fhađa Rothe (zwibuloko, mutavha, zwikötikoti) (Vhukale 2-6)

Vhana vha a shumisana u fhađa thawara, nnđu kana tshiñwe tshithu tshire vha khou tshi humbula.

### U tøđa Lupfhumo (Vhukale 3-6)

Kha vha dzumbe zwithu lufherani vha ri vhana vha shumisane uri vha zwi wane.



Games that encourage cooperation, patience and teamwork

### Building Together (blocks, sand, cans) (Ages 2-6)

Kids work together to build a tower, a house or anything else they imagine.

### Treasure Hunt (Ages 3-6)

Hide objects around the room and have kids work together to find them.



Mitambo ya u tamba nga u ita na u tamba ha matshilisano

### U tevhela Murangaphanda (Vhukale 2-5)

Nwana muthihi u rangaphanda tshigwada tshi tshi ita nyito (u fhufha, u vhanda zwanda, u monisa), vharīwe vha tshi khou edzisela.

### Sekwa, Sekwa, Sekwa (Vhukale 3-6)

Vhana vha dzula vha ita tshitendeledzi, ñwana muthihi u tshimbila u mona natsho, a tshi kwama ñhoho a ri "sekwa", u swikela a tshi dzhia "sekwa" la u mu pandamedza.

Games for physical play and social interaction

### Follow the Leader (Ages 2-5)

One child leads the group in actions (jumping, clapping, spinning), and others copy.

### Duck, Duck, Goose (Ages 3-6)

Kids sit in a circle, and one child walks around, tapping heads and saying "duck", until they pick a "goose" to chase them.



Games that encourage kindness and social connection

### Compliment Circle (Ages 4-6)

Each child takes a turn to give a compliment to another child.

### Helping Hands (Ages 3-6)

Give kids tasks to do together (e.g., clean up toys as a team, stack blocks neatly).

Mitambo i tūtuwedzaho u luga na vhutumetshedzi kha zwa matshilisano

### Tshitendeledzi tsha U Khođa (Vhukale 4-6)

Vhana vha a sielisana u wana zwikhala zwa u khoda muñwe ñwana.

### Zwanda zwi Thusaho (Vhukale 3-6)

Kha vha nee vhana mishumo ya u ita na vharīwe (tsumbo, u kunakisa zwitambiswa sa thimu, u paka zwibuloko nga vhuronwane).



## Ndila ya u shumisa zwitori zwashu nga ndila dzi sâ fani

- Anetshelani ñwana wañu tshitiori.** Vhalani ni ñidowedze anetshela tshitiori. Nga murahu ni shumise ipfi ñanu, tshifhauwo na muvhili uri mubvumbedza muñwe na muñwe a nge muthu wa vhukuma.
- Vhalelani ñwana wañu tshitiori.** Ambani nga ha zwifanyiso. Vhudzisani uri, "Ni humbula uri hu ño itea mini nga murahu?" kana "Ni vhona u nga ndi ngani mubvumbedza o amba zwenezwo kana o ita zwenezwo?"
- Vhalani tshitiori na ñwana wañu.** Ni sielisane musi ni tshi vhalati tshitiori. Ni songo mu khakhulula, ni mu khakhulule arali fhedzi o humbela u thusiwa.
- Thetshelesani musi ñwana wañu a tshi vhalati.** Thetshelesani ni sa mu dzheni hanwanî. Ni mu vhudze uri zwi a takadza musi a tshi vhalati nthia no mu thetshelesa.
- Itani mishumo ya Itani uri tshitiori tshi nyanyule!** U ita zwenezwi na vhana vhañu zwi fanela u ni takadza noñhe.

## How to use our stories in different ways

- Tell the story to your child.** Read and practise telling the story. Then use your voice, face and body to bring the story to life.
- Read the story to your child.** Talk about the pictures. Ask, "What do you think happens next?" or "Why do you think the character said or did that?"
- Read the story with your child.** Take turns to read the story together. Don't correct their mistakes, and only help if they ask for it.
- Listen to your child read.** Listen without interrupting. Say that you enjoy hearing them read aloud to you.
- Do the Get story active! activities.** This should be fun for you and your child.



# Nal'ibali a funwaho ... Dear Nal'ibali ...

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WRITE TO US!

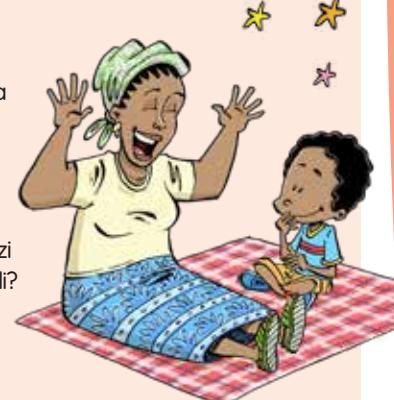
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## Nal'ibali a funwaho

Ndi khou lingedza u vhalela ḥwananyana wanga wa vhukale ha miwahya ya rathi madekwana mariwe na mariwe, fhedzi a thi athu vhuya nda mu anetshela zwitori. Zwenezwino, ndo mu isa kha mushumo wa Story Time Jaiburari yashu yapo. Mushumi wa Jaiburari o vha anetshela zwavhuđi vhana tshitor. O katela na vhana na u ita ḥitambwa nga tshitor. O tshifhinga tshenetho. Vha nga nreavho tsivhudzo dzi si gathi dza uri zwitori zwi anetshelisa hani zwavhuđi?

Magmoed Suleman, Malmesbury



## Dear Nal'ibali

My child has very poor eyesight and needs to wear thick glasses. He feels shy about his glasses. I am looking for stories of a hero who wears thick glasses.

Elsa Meintjes, Beaufort-West

## Dear Elsa

The best way to find stories with particular characters is to visit a library near you and ask the librarian for help. You can also tell your child your own stories about a hero with glasses. Start like this, "Once upon a time, there lived a very brave boy who wore special glasses ..." Most young children love hearing simple stories about themselves. You could even write down these stories so that you can read them together again on another day.

Hope you continue to enjoy sharing stories with your children.

The Nal'ibali Team



## Nal'ibali a funwaho

Ro diphinä nga tshitor tsha WRAD 2025 tshikoloni tshanga. Ndo dovha nda tshi vhalala ndi na vhana vhanga. Ro dovha ra ita na nyito dzirwe.

Vho V. Dlamini, Welkom

## Kha Vho Dlamini

Ro takala nga maanda uri vho diphinä ngatsho! Ri fulufhela vho takadzwa na nga u ita nyito vhoithe. Tshigwada tsha Nal'ibali

## Dear Nal'ibali

We enjoyed the WRAD 2025 story at my school. I also read it with my own children. We even did some of the activities.

Mrs V. Dlamini, Welkom

## Dear Mrs Dlamini

We're so glad you enjoyed it! We hope you had fun doing the activities together.

The Nal'ibali Team



## Tandavhudzani jaiburari yanu. Itani bugu MBILI dla tumula u vhulunge

### Bulasi ya Vho Mkhize

1. Bvisani siatari **9** la yenegi thumetshedzo.
2. Petani bambiri nga vhukati kha mutalo mutswu u re na zwithoma.
3. Dovhani ni li pete nga vhukati kha mutalo mudala ni ite bugu.
4. Gerani kha mitalo mitswku i re na zwithoma uri ni fhandekanye masiatari.



### Khovhe khulwane yavhuđi

1. Uri ni ite heyi bugu shumisanis masiatari **5**, **6**, **7**, **8**, **11** na **12**.
2. Vheani masiatari 7 na 8 ngomu ha mariwe masiatari.
3. Petani mabammbiri nga vhukati kha mutalo mutswu u re na zwithoma.
4. Dovhani ni a pete nga vhukati kha mutalo mudala u re na zwithoma uri ni ite bugu.
5. Gerani kha mitalo mitswku i re na zwithoma uri ni fhandekanye masiatari.



## Grow your own library. Create TWO cut-out-and-keep books

### Mkhize's farm

1. Tear off page **9** of this supplement.
2. Fold the sheet in half along the black dotted line.
3. Fold it in half again along the green dotted line to make the book.
4. Cut along the red dotted lines to separate the pages.

### The great big fish

1. To make this book, use pages **5**, **6**, **7**, **8**, **11** en **12**.
2. Keep pages 7 and 8 inside the other pages.
3. Fold the sheets in half along the black dotted line.
4. Fold them in half again along the green dotted line to make the book.
5. Cut along the red dotted lines to separate the pages.



"Ndo fasha nngu khulwanesa ni sa athu vhuya na i vhona, Dolly. Lavhelesani ugomu begeni. Dolly lavhelesani ugomu begeni. Ndi mbudzi khulwane yavhuđi! Ni tou vha muzwifhi vhukuma, Joe!" hu amba Dolly.

"I caught the biggest sheep that you've ever seen, Dolly. Look! You're a great big liar, Joe!" said Dolly.  
"That's a great big goat! You're a great big Dolly looked inside the bag. Dolly, Dolly. Look!" said Joe.



Joe catches a great big fish for supper. It is the biggest fish he's ever seen! He heaves it into a bag and runs home to give it to his mother. But on the way, VERY strange things happen inside the bag. Will he still have a fish for supper when he gets home?

Joe u fasha khovhe khulwane yavhuđi ya tshilalelo. Ndi khovhe khulwanesa a sa athu vhuya a i vhona! O lwsa nga nungo dzothe uri i dzhene begeni a gidimela hayani u i nea mme awe. Fhedzi a ndilani, zwithu zwi songo dōweleaho NA LUTHIHI zwa itea ngomu begeni. U do vha a tshe na khovhe ya tshilalelo musi a tshi swika hayani?



### Get story active!

- ★ The story has lots of repetition in it, for example: "I caught the biggest fish/sheep/goat that you've ever seen" and "That's a great big sheep/goat! You're a great big liar, Joe." Once your children know the story, invite them to join in when you read the words that are repeated in the story.
- ★ Encourage your children to make up their own stories that are inspired by this one. Then help them to write their stories down so that they can read them later.
- ★ Encourage them to draw a picture to go with their story.

### Itani uri tshiṭori tshi nyanyule!

- ★ Tshiṭori tshi na u dovhola nga maandja khatsho, sa tsumbo: "Ndo fasha khovhe, nngu, mbudzi khulwanesa ine a ni athu vhuya na i vhona! Ni tou vha muzwifhi vhukuma, Joe." Musi vhana vhavho vho no dīvha tshiṭori itshi, kha vha vha rambe vha vha dzhoine musi vha tshi vhala maipfhi ake a dovhola tshiṭorini.
- ★ Kha vha tūtuwedze vhana vhavho u ita zwit̄ori zwavho zwo tūtuwedzwaho nga itshi. Vha koneha u vha thusa u r̄wala zwit̄ori zwavho u itela uri vha do zwi vha vha nga murahu.
- ★ Kha vha vha tūtuwedze u ola tshifanyiso tshi elanaho na tshiṭori tshavho.

Nal'ibali is a national reading-for-enjoyment campaign to spark and embed a culture of reading across South Africa. For more information, visit [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org).



Nal'ibali ndi fulo ja lushaka ja u vhalela u diphin̄a u itela u karusa na u t̄ahulela ndowelo ya u vhala kha lothe ja Afrika Tshipembe. U wana mafhungo nga vhudalo, dalelani [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org).

## The great big fish



## Khovhe khulwane yavhuđi

Ann Walton • Trish de Villiers

**Ideas to talk about:** Have you ever seen a really big fish? What did it look like? Do you know the different parts of a fish? Look at the cover picture. Can you find the fish's tail, head, fins and eyes?

**Zwine ha nga ambiwa nga hazwo:** No no vhuya na vhona khovhe khulwane nga maandja? Yo vha yo itisa hani? Ni a dīvha mirađo yo fhambanaho ya khovhe? Lavhelesani kha tshifanyiso tsha khavara. Ni khou vhona mutshila, t̄hoho, fini na mađo zwa khovhe?

tanġana na kħonan!

awe unġu kħulwane yavħudi. Ndi la i  
Joe a għidimela hayani u sumbedza mme



Joe ran home to show his  
mother the great big sheep. On  
the way he met a friend.

Joe's father was a fisherman, and every morning he sold his fish at the market.

**Khotsi a Joe vho vha vhe murei wa khovhe, na uri matsheloni maiwe na maiwe vho vha vha tshi rengisa khovhe dzavho maragani.**



yavħudi ugħomu ħay!

ho vha hu na mbudzi kħulwane  
Joe a tollela ugħomu biegħen! Ngħa ugħo,



Joe peeked into the bag. Sure enough,  
there was a great big goat inside it!

Joe laughed. At least Dad didn't call him a great big liar!



**Joe a sea. Ndi khwine Khotsi a vho ngo mu vhidza uri ndi muzwifhi vhukuma!**



Joe a gidi mela hayani u sumbedza mme  
awé mbudzi khulwane yavhući.

Joe ran home to show his mother the  
great big goat.

ngomu hayo!  
ho vha hu ua ungu khulwane yavhući  
joe a toléla ngomu begeni! Nga ngecho,



Joe peeked into the bag. Sure enough,  
there was great big sheep inside it!

"You caught the biggest fish today,  
Joe," said Dad. "And you are the  
biggest storyteller!"



"No fasha khovhe khulwanesa ḥamusi, Joe,"  
hu amba Khotsi. "Na uri ni mukoni wa u  
anetshela zwitiori wa biko!"

But he always took one fish home  
for supper.



Vho vha vha tshi anzela u ya hayani na  
khovhe nthihi ya tshilalelo.

"Ndi ungu khulwane yavhudzi! Ni tou vha  
muzwishi vhuksuma, Joe!" hu amba Ben.

Ben a lavhleesa ugomu begeni.

amba Joe.

"Ndo fasha khovhe khulwanesa ni sa athu  
vhuysa na i vhonea, Ben. Lavhleesani!" hu

big liar, Joe!" said Ben.

"That's a great big sheep! You're a great

Ben looked inside the bag.

seen, Ben. Look!" said Joe.

"I caught the biggest fish that you've ever

khovhe khulwanesa ndi sa athu i vhonea!"

"Ehoh!" vha amba vho mangala. "Ndi

Mme vha lavhleesa ugomu begeni.

Lavhleesi!" hu amba Joe.

atihu vhuysa vha i vhonea, Mma. Kha vha

"Ndo fasha mbudzi khulwanesa vha sa

I've ever seen!"

"Wow!" she said. "That's the biggest fish

Mom looked inside the bag.

ever seen, Mom. Look!" said Joe.

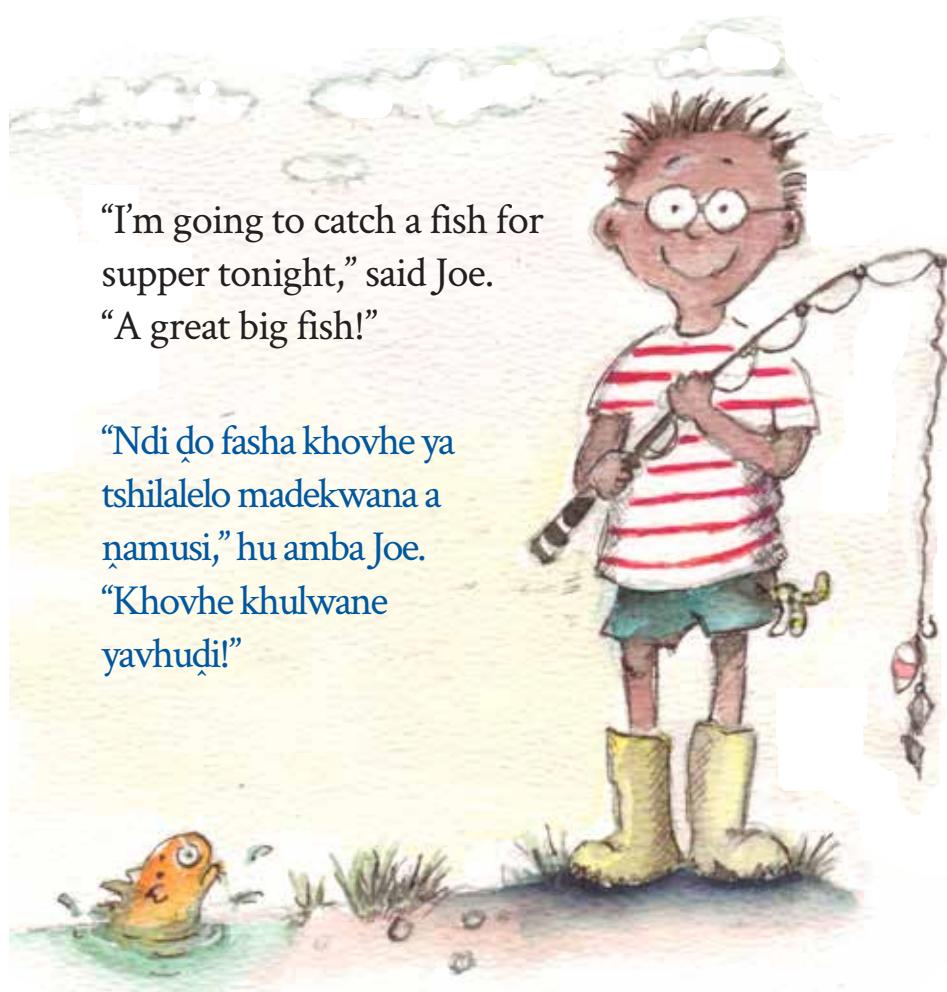
"I've caught the biggest goat that you've

... that turned into a great  
big goat ...

... ye ya mbo shanduka ya vha  
mbudzi khulwane yavhudzi ...

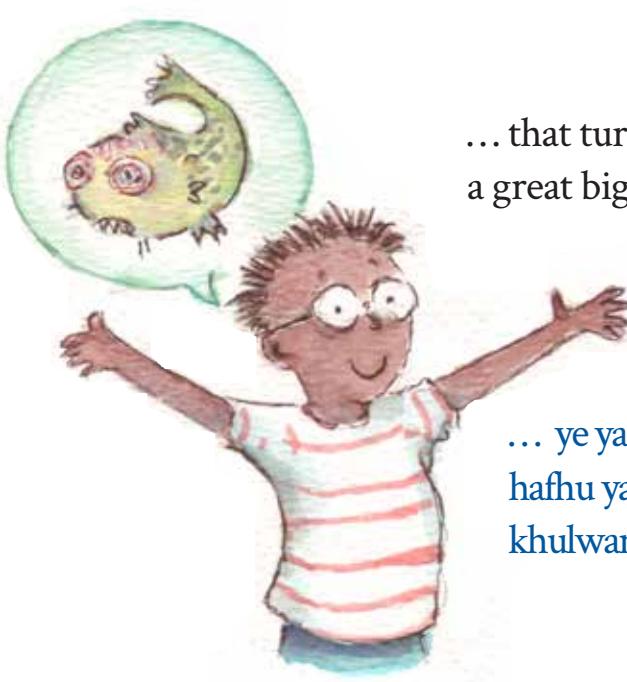
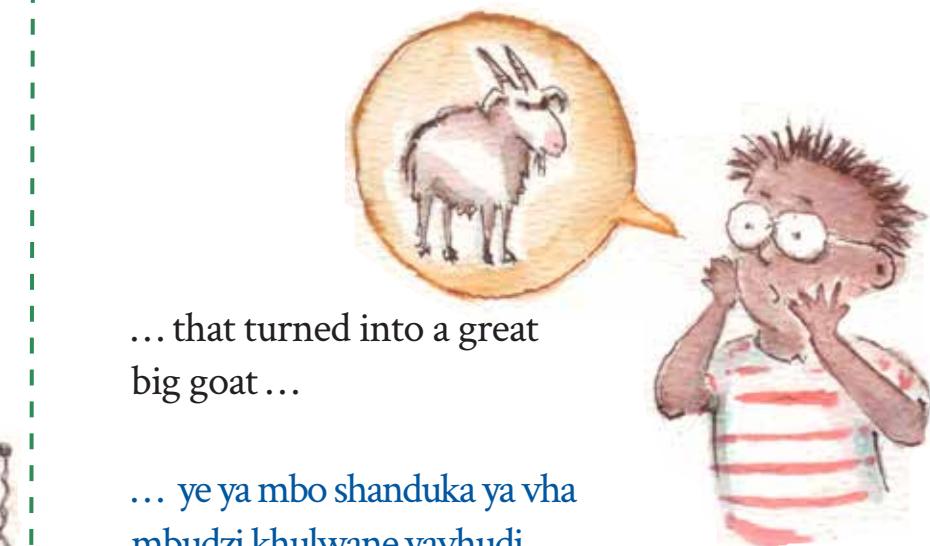
... that turned back into  
a great big fish!

... ye ya mbo shanduka  
hafhu ya vha khovhe  
khulwane yavhudzi!



"I'm going to catch a fish for supper tonight," said Joe.  
"A great big fish!"

"Ndi do fasha khovhe ya tshilalelo madekwana a namsi," hu amba Joe.  
"Khovhe khulwane yavhudzi!"





Farmer Mkhize has many animals on his farm. What sound does each animal make?

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



Rabulasi Vho Mkhize vha na zwifubo zwinzhi bulasini yavho. Tshifuwo tshiñwe na tshiñwe tshi ita mubvumo ufhio musi tshi tshi lila?

Hetshi tshiñori tsho itelwa Nal'ibali nga ho livhaho uri i vusuludze vhukoni ha vhana ha u anetshela zwitiori na u vhalela u diphina.

### Get story active!

- ★ Which animal in this story is your favourite one? Why?
- ★ Draw a picture of a farm animal that you like. Draw a speech bubble pointing to your animal. In the bubble, write the sound that your animal makes.
- ★ Write the name of the animal under your picture. Start like this: Hello, ...!

### Itani uri tshiñori tshi nyanyule!

- ★ Ndi tshipuka tshifhio afha tshiñorini tshine na tshi takalela nga maanda? Ndi ngani?
- ★ Olani tshifanyiso tsha zwipuka zwa bulasini zwine na zwi takalela. Olani mabulo a tshipitshi o sumba kha tshipuka tshañu. Kha bulo, nwalani muungo une tshipuka tshañu tsha u ita.
- ★ Nwalani dzina ja tshipuka phasi ha tshifanyiso tshañu. Thomani nga u rali: Ndaa/Aa, ...!

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## Mkhize's farm



### Bulasi ya Vho Mkhize

Brigotte Naicker • Julie Smith-Belton

Ideas to talk about: Do you love animals? Why or why not? What important role do animals play in our lives? What can we do to take care of our pets and other animals?

**Zwine ha nga ambiwa nga hazwo:** Ni a takalela zwipuka? Ndi ngani kana ndi ngani zwi songo ralo? Ndi mushumo ufhio wa ndeme une zwipuka zwa u ita vhutshiloni hashu? Ri nga ita mini u thogomela phetse (vhufubo) hashu na zwiñwe zwipuka?

Ri a Vusa,  
Sekwad!

Hello, Duck!



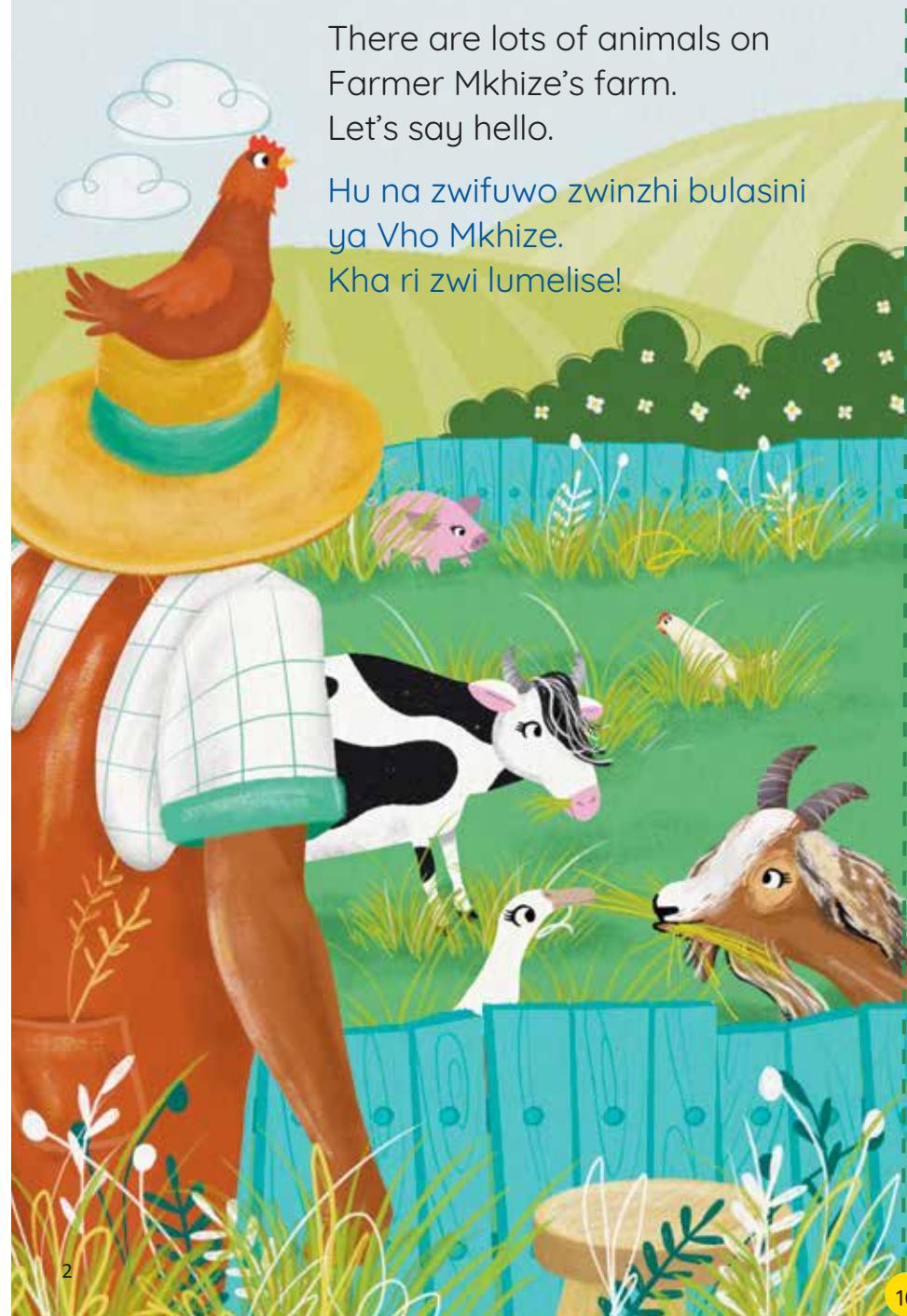
**DUCKI KUWARIKI**



Hello, Hen!  
Ri a Vusa,



**KO-KOI CLUCKI**



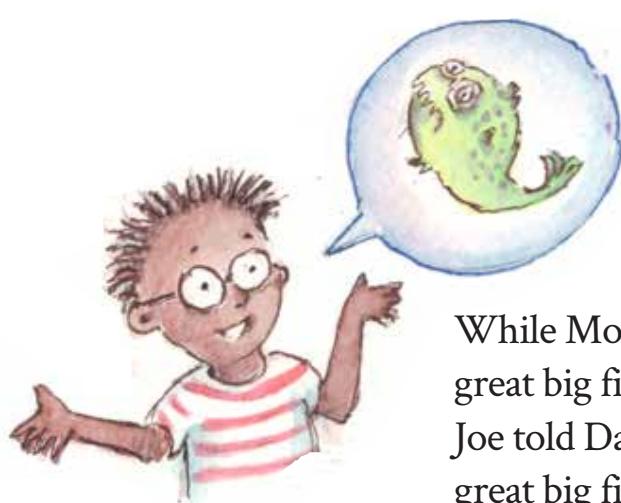
Old MacDonald had a farm.  
Ee i ee i o!  
And on the farm he had  
a duck.  
Ee i ee i o!  
With a quack, quack here,  
And a quack, quack there.  
Here a quack, there a quack,  
Everywhere a quack, quack.  
Old MacDonald had a farm.  
Ee i ee i o!

Old MacDonald had a farm.  
Ee i ee i o!  
And on the farm he had  
a dog.  
Ee i ee i o!  
With a woof, woof here,  
And a woof, woof there.  
Here a woof, there a woof,  
Everywhere a woof, woof.  
Old MacDonald had a farm.  
Ee i ee i o!

Vho Mkhize bulasini.  
Heeyah, heeyah, ho!  
Bulasi i na sekhwa.  
Heeyah, heeyah, ho!  
Ndi kwaak, kwaak fhano,  
Na kwaak, kwaak afho.  
Kwaak fhano, kwaak afho,  
Hothe ndi kwaak, kwaak.  
Vho Mkhize bulasini.  
Heeyah, heeyah, ho!

Vho Mkhize bulasini.  
Heeyah, heeyah, ho!  
Bulasi i na mmbwa.  
Heeyah, heeyah, ho!  
Ndi huuu, huuu fhano,  
Na huuu, huuu afho.  
Huuu fhano, huuu afho,  
Hothe ndi huuu, huuu.  
Vho Mkhize bulasini.  
Heeyah, heeyah, ho!





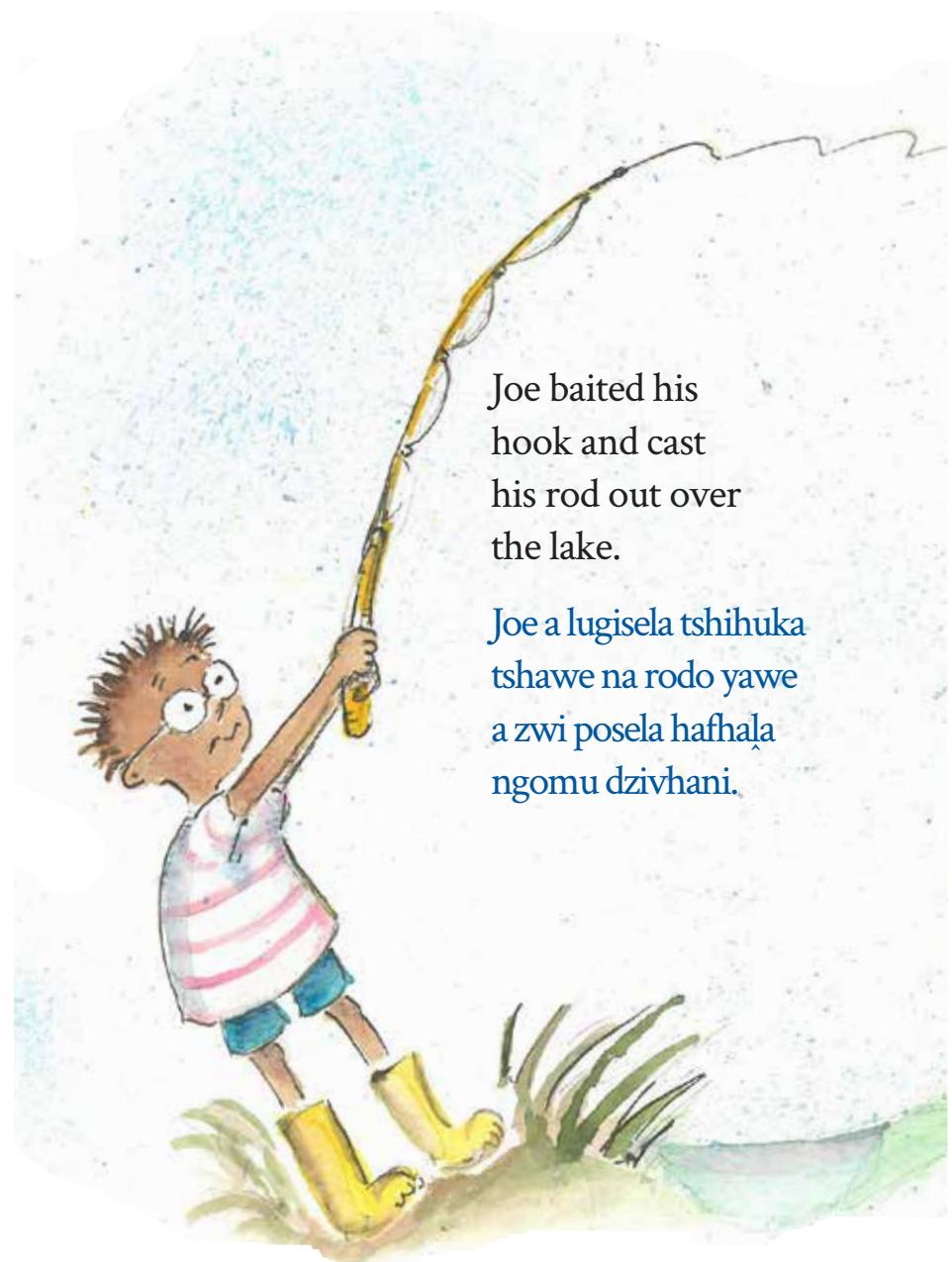
While Mom cooked the great big fish for supper, Joe told Dad about the great big fish ...

Zwenezwi Mma vha tshi khou bika  
khovhe khulwane yavhuđi ya tshilalelo,  
Joe a vhudza Khotsi nga khovhe khulwane  
yavhuđi ...

... that turned into a great big sheep ...



... ye ya mbo shanduka  
ya vha nngu khulwane  
yavhuđi ...



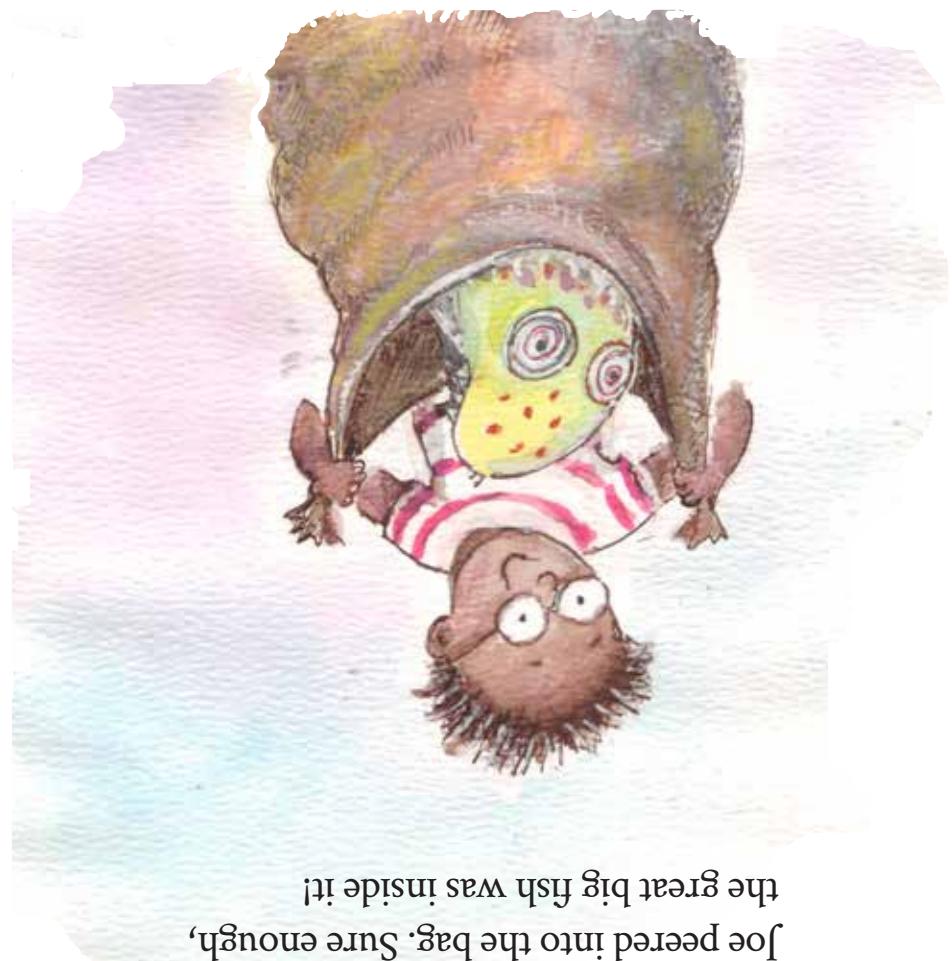
Joe baited his hook and cast his rod out over the lake.

Joe a lugisela tshihuka  
tshawe na rodo yawe  
a zwi posela hafhalę  
ngomu dzivhani.



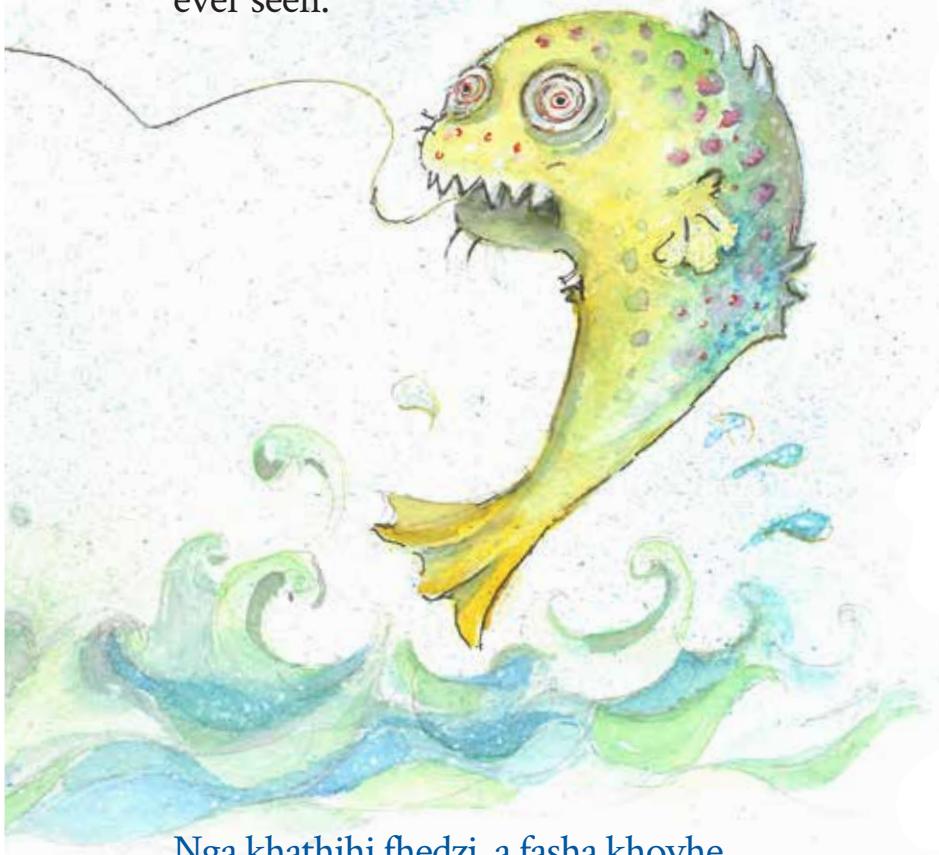
Nđillani, a tāngana na khonani yave.  
Yave a gidi mela hayani u i n̄ea mme ave.  
Olwisa n̄ga unugo dzophe uti i dzhene begenni  
he met a friend.  
He heaved it into his fishing bag and ran home to give it to his mother. On the way,

na khovhe khulwane yavhuđi n̄gomu hayol  
Joe a toléla n̄gomu begenni. N̄ga n̄goho, ho vha hu



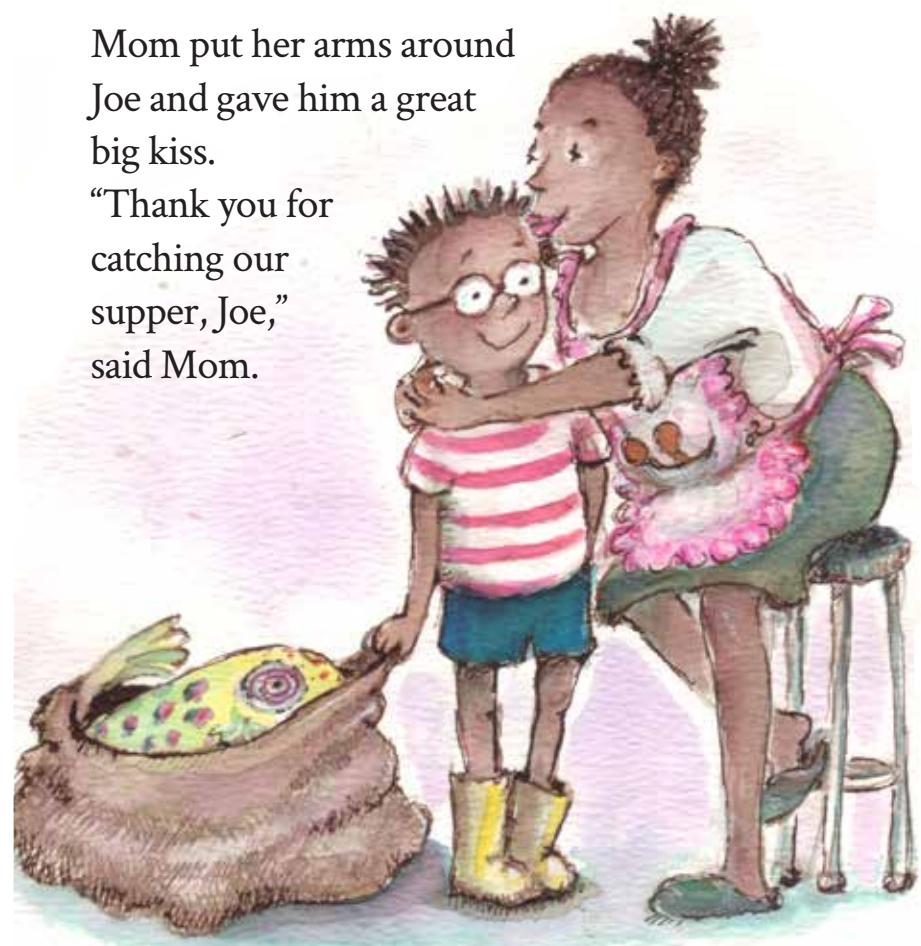
the great big fish was inside it!  
Joe peered into the bag. Sure enough,

Almost at once, he hooked a great big fish that nearly jumped out of the water. It was the biggest fish he had ever seen.



N̄ga khathihi fhedzi, a fasha khovhe khulwane yavhuđi ye ya ṭoda u fhufhela nnda ha mađi. Ho vha hu khovhe khulwanesa a sa athu vhuya a i vhona vhutshiloni hawe.

Mom put her arms around Joe and gave him a great big kiss.  
“Thank you for catching our supper, Joe,” said Mom.



Mma vha kuvhatedza Joe vha ita na u mu mama.  
“Ndo livhuwa no fasha tshilalelo tshashu, Joe,” hu amba Mma.

# NELSON MANDELA

Tshiga tsha dzitshaka tsha mulalo na pfhanelo dza vhathu

International icon of peace and human rights

## MAFHUNGO A MUTHEO A NDEME

- U bebiwa:** Fulwana 18, 1918
- Shango:** Afrika Tshipembe
- Dzina ja vhuhanani:** Rolihlahla Mandela
- Pfunkzo:** Vho guda mulayo vha vha axennde

## BASIC INFORMATION

- Born:** 18 July 18 1918
- Country:** South Africa
- Childhood name:** Rolihlahla Mandela
- Education:** Studied law and became a lawyer

## U LWELA HAVHO ZWA VHULAMUKANYI

- Vho lwa na:** Tshitulula (sisiteme ya u khethulula nga u fhambanyisa nga murafho)
- Tshifhinga tsha musi vhe dzhele:** Miñwaha ya 27 ya u lwela pfhanelo dza u lingana
- Zwe vha tenda khazwo:** Mulalo, u luga na u tanganyisa vhathu

## HIS FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

- Fought against:** Apartheid (unfair system of racial separation)
- Prison time:** 27 years for standing up for equal rights
- Believed in:** Peace, kindness and bringing people together

## ZWO SWIKELEWAHO

- Muphuresidennde wa murema wa u thoma wa Afrika Tshipembe (1994)**
- Muwini wa Nobel Peace Prize (1993)**
- Muredzo u divheswaho:** "Pfunkzo ndi tshitangu tsha maanda nga maanda tshine ni nga tshi shumisa u shandukisa lifhasi."

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- First black president of South Africa (1994)**
- Nobel Peace Prize winner (1993)**
- Famous quote:** "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

1918

Vho Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela vha bebiwa nga Fulwana 18 ngei Mvezo, Afrika Tshipembe. Rolihlahla zwi amba "mudzia khakhathi" nga Tshithoza!

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela is born on July 18 in Mvezo, South Africa. Rolihlahla means "troublemaker" in IsiXhosa!

1930s

Sa mutukana mutuku, vha newa dzina ja Nelson nga mugudisi wavho.

As a young boy, he gets the name Nelson from his teacher.

1940s

Vho thoma u guda mulayo uri vha vhe axennde.

He starts studying to become a lawyer.

1950s

Vho Nelson vha dzhoina dzangano ji vhidzwaho African National Congress (ANC) u lwa na tshitulula.

Nelson joins a group called the African National Congress (ANC) to fight against apartheid.

1964

Vho Nelson vha rumelwa dzhele lwa miñwaha ya 27!

Nelson is sentenced to life imprisonment!

1990

Vho Mandela vha a vhofholwa dzhele. Vho vha vhe wa vhukale ha miñwaha ya 71.

Mandela is freed from prison. He is 71 years old.

2013

Vha lovha vha na miñwaha ya 95.

He passes away at the age of 95.

1994

Vho Mandela vha vha muphuresidennde wa murema wa u thoma nga murahu ha khetho dza dimokirasi dza u thoma Afrika Tshipembe.

Mandela becomes the first black president after South Africa's first democratic election.



# Ngudo ya mbeu

Nga Kai Tuomi ■ Zwifanyiso nga Karen Ahlschläger



Ngei shangoni ja mitwe na u oma hu sa meli tshithu, ho vha hu na randavhula yo waho. Ngomu hayo ho vha hu tshi dzula vharathu na mukomana vha u ḥat̄isana nga maanda. Muñwe na muñwe wavho o vha a tshi takalela u vha wa khwinesa na u kunda kha tshiñwe na tshiñwe.

Musi vharathu na mukomana vha tshi tamba mitambo – u fana na u gidima, kana u posa thombwana, kana u hwala matombo nga n̄tha ha ḥoho dzavho – vho tambela u kunda. Matħedżiseli a mutambo muñwe na muñwe, ndi mukundi fhedzi we a vha a tshi vha o takala. A vha vhañwe murathu na mukomana vho vha tshi vha vho sinyuwa vha hanedzana nga u ambela n̄tha nga uri ndi nnyi o kundaho zwavhukuma.

Murathu muñwe na muñwe o humbula uri ndi ene wa khwinesa kha vhuraru havho na u ḥoda uri avha vhañwe murathu na mukomana vha zwi dñvhe.

Duvha jñwe, muñwe wa vharathu na mukomana a mbo ri, "Ndi takalela u ḥavha muri. U nga ri thusa nga murunzi."

"Ndi zwavħudi hezwo," muñwe a fhindula, "Na nñe ndi takalela u ḥavha muri. Uri ri do vha na mitshelo."

"Zwavħuġiħuġi," hu amba wa vhuraru, "ndi nga takalela u ḥavha muri. U do ri thusa nga khuni."

Vharathu na mukomana vho vha sa dñvhi uri miri i ḥavhiwa hani, fhedzi vho vha vha tshi dñvha muñwe muthu, kana tshiñwe tshithu, tshi zwi dñvhado.

"Tshithu tsha ḥaka tshi dzulaho bakoni, tshi do vha tshi tshi zwi dñvha uri muri u ḥavhiwa hani," vha amba khathihi zwenezwi vha tshi gidima buseni, mavuni o omaho, vha tshi hanedzana na ndila yoñthe nga uri ndi nnyi o thomaho u humbula nga tshithu tsha ḥaka u thoma.

Nn̄da ha bako, ho mela maluvha a ḥaka o nakesaho – a phephulu, matswuku na a taða.

"Ndi nñe wa u thoma u džena," hu amba muñwe wavho, a tshi fhirela avho vhañwe vhuvhili, vhe vhuvhili havho vha lingedza u mu kokodzela murahu.

"Heyi, litshani zwine na khou ita!" hu pfħala ipfhi jħilu. "Arali ni tshi ḥoda thuso yanga, dženani nga ngomu no flumula, nga muthihimutħihi."



Mukomana a mwemwela zwenezwi a tshi fhirela phanđa ha vharathu vhawé a džena bakoni. Tshithu tsha ḥaka tshi vha tshi hulesa, tshi na musingo wa ndou na maño a taða u fana na phele i re na ndala. Tshi vha tshi na mathenga muvhilini watsho wotħe, na mutshila mulapħulapħu, wo songekanah u fana na n̄owa. Bakoni ho vha hu na bodo khulu i re na mushonga wa manditi u bvisago mutsi mudala mudenya.

"Tshithu tsha ḥaka," hu amba mukomana, "Ndi ḥoda u ḥavha muri. U nga nthusa?"

Tshithu tsha ḥaka tsha dženisa tshandà tshikwamani tsha mithenga tsha bvisa tshiñwe tshithu tshiñku. "Heyi ndi mbeu ya muri. Mbeu dži ḥoda mavu uri dži mele ..." tshi a thoma, fhedzi tshithu tsha ḥaka tshi sa athu fhedza u amba, mukomana o vha o no džavħula mbeu tshandani tshatħo.

"Ndo livhuwa," hu amba mukomana, a tshi khou shavha. "Zwino hu do vha nñe mukomana wa u thoma u ḥavha muri."

"Aredj," tshithu tsha ḥaka tshi ambela mbiluni, "Ndi vħona u nga, ndi fanela u vhudza muñwe wa vharathu zwiñwe zwine mbeu dži ḥoda uri dži mele."

Murathu wa u thoma a vhudzisa mbudziso i fanaho na ya u thoma. Hafhu, tshithu tsha ḥaka tsha fara mbeu, fhedzi zwa zwino, tsha ri, "Mbeu dži ḥoda madi uri dži mele, na ..."

"Ndo livhuwa," murathu wa u thoma a amba, a tshi khou džhia mbeu na u shavha a sa athu pfha zwiñwe zwine mbeu ya ḥoda uri dži mele.

Tshithu tsha ḥaka tsha dzungudza ḥoho yatsho khulwane zwenezwi murathu wa vhuvhili a tshi džena nga u hwienya. Hafhu, tshithu tsha ḥaka tsha fara mbeu, fhedzi zwa zwino tsha ri, "Mbeu dži ḥoda dñvha uri dži ..."

Murathu wa vhuraru o vha o no ḥuwa a songo tsha pfha zwiñwe zwine mbeu dži ḥoda uri dži mele.

Vho no humela randavhulani yavho, muñwe na muñwe wavho o lingedza u ḥavha mbeu dži tshithu tsha ḥaka tsha vha n̄ea.

Mukomana o bwa dindi jo tsaho vhukuma u itela u ḥavha mbeu a kona u fukedza nga mavu.

Murathu wa u thoma o džhia mbeu yawe a ya nayo govhani a i posa mañiñi mañuku a elelaho. Ya tsela fhasi, ya si tsha vhonala.

Murathu wa vhuvhili o vheha mbeu yawe n̄tha ha tombo ja fułe the hune ha fhisa.

Tshifħinga tsha fħela, ha sa itee tshithu, zwenezwo mukomana, murathu wa u thoma na wa vhavħili vha għidimela murħu bakoni ja tshithu tsha ḥaka. Vha džena nga u ḥavħanya vho.

"Mbeu hejja ye wa ri fha yo sinu," vha huweleha vho sinyuwa nga maanda.

Tshithu tsha ḥaka tsha vha zwondolola nga maño atsho a phele a taða.

"Heyo yo vha i mbeu yavħuġi," tshithu tsha ḥaka tħo amba. "Mbeu iñwie na iñwie yo vha i tshi do vha yo mela ya ita muri wo khwathħaha wa dovha wa takala, fhedzi vhejje vhararū no vha ni kati na u lingedza u kunda na u sinyutħelana nga maanda l-We na sa tħażżej tħethseħla zwavħuġi. Zwino ndo sala na mbeu nthiħi fhedzi, zwenezwo thethseħesani nga vħuronwane! Heyi ndi ngudo ya mbeu: Ni tea u shumisana arali ni tshi ḥoda mbeu i tshi mela."

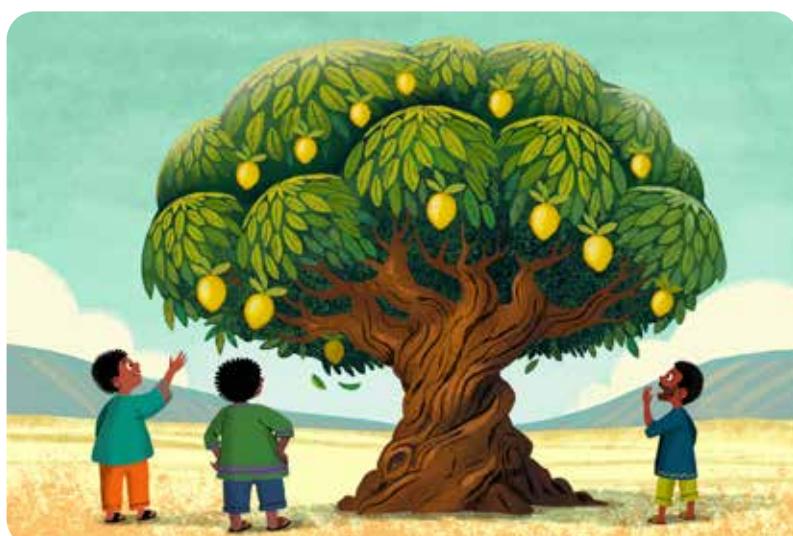
"U shumisana?" vharathu na mukomana vha vhudzisa vho sinyuwa. "Fhedzi ndi nnyi ane a do u kunda arali ra shumisana?"

"Vhejje noñħe," hu amba tshithu tsha ḥaka, tshi tshi khou posa luvħanda lwa manditi bodoni yatsho.

Murħu nduni ja randavhula, vharathu na mukomana vhararū vha fħedza vho tendelana u do u shumisana. Vha ḥavha mbeu, dñvħani vha i sheledza.

Vha mbo lindela.

Zwa zwino, muri wa mela. Wa lapħha u na mañari madala a murunzi, matavhi a khuni na mutshelo wa taða wo vhibvaho wa u ja.



Naho hu na uri vharathu na mukomana vho dzulela u hanedzana u swika vha tshi vha vhakalha vha ḥoho tħena, a vho ngo vħuya vha hangwa ngudo ya mbeu: Ni fanela u shumisana arali ni tshi ḥoda mbeu i tshi mela. Vharathu na mukomana vho għida uri zwithu zwi shuma zwavħuġi musi vha tshi shumisana!

## Itani uri tshitor tshi nyanyule!

- Ni humbula uri bako ja tshithu tsha ḥaka nga ngomu jo vha jī tshi vħonala jo itisa hani? Olani tħifanyiso tsha bako ni ħnwale na pharagħiru i ḥalasah zwi re bakoni.
- Shumisani vumba kana suko ja u tambisa, wuļu, gunubu kana vħulungu, mabammbari a kale, zwitanda na mañwe matheriaja u ita

tshiedziswa tħo tshithu tsha ḥaka kha tshitor itshi kana muhumbulo wañu wa tshithu tsha ḥaka.

- Ni a dñvha uri mbeu i ḥavhiwa hani? Nwalani maga ane na nga a tevhedzelha ni tshi ḥavha mbeu l-nejha!



# The lesson of the seed

By Kai Tuomi ■ Illustrations by Karen Ahlschläger

Story corner

In a cracked, dry land where nothing grew, there was a broken-down old hut. Inside the hut lived three very competitive brothers. Each brother liked to be the best and to win at everything.

When the brothers played games – like running, or tossing pebbles, or lifting stones over their heads – they played to win. At the end of each game, only the winner was happy. The other brothers were angry and argued loudly about who had really won.

Each brother thought he was the best of the three and wanted the other brothers to know this.

One day, one of the brothers said, "I'd like to grow a tree. Then we could have some shade."

"Well," another replied, "I'd like to grow a tree too. Then we could have some fruit."

"Actually," said the third, "I'd like to grow a tree. Then we could have firewood."

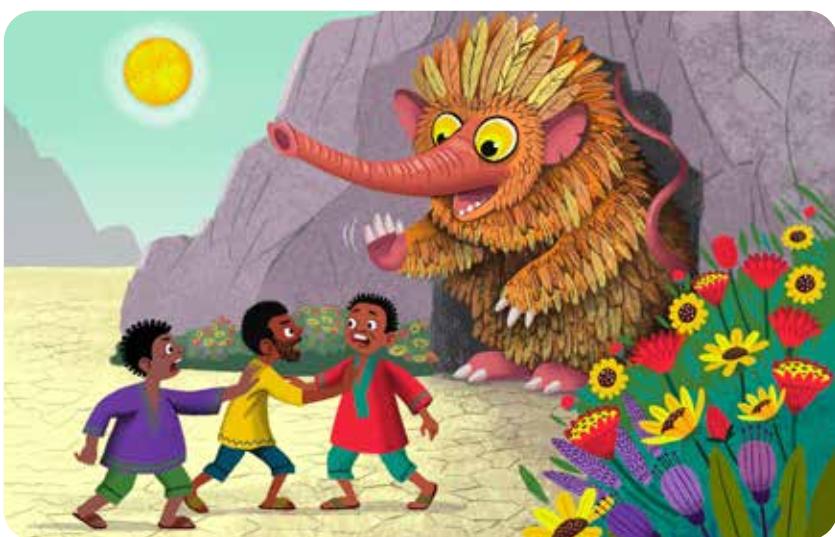
The brothers didn't know how to grow trees, but they knew someone, or something, who did.

"That wild thing that lives in the cave, it will know how to grow a tree," they said together as they ran off across the dusty, dry land, arguing all the while about who had thought of the wild thing first.

Outside the cave, beautiful wildflowers grew – purple, red and yellow.

"I'll go first," said one brother, pushing ahead of the other two, who both tried to pull him back.

"Stop it!" boomed a loud voice. "If you want my help, come inside quietly, one at a time."



The first brother grinned as he pushed his way ahead of his brothers into the cave. The wild thing was huge, with an elephant's trunk and yellow eyes like a hungry hyena. It had feathers all over its body, and a long, curly tail like a snake. In the cave stood a big pot of magic potion that puffed thick green smoke into the air.

"Wild thing," said the first brother, "I want to grow a tree. Can you help me?"

The wild thing reached into its feathery pocket and pulled out something small. "This is the seed of a tree. Seeds need earth to grow ..." he started, but before the wild thing could finish talking, the first brother snatched the seed from its hand.

"Thanks," said the brother, running off. "Now I'll be the first brother to grow a tree."

"Well," the wild thing said to itself, "I suppose, I'll have to tell the next brother what else seeds need to grow."

The second brother asked the same question. Again, the wild thing held out a seed, but this time, it said, "Seeds need water to grow, and ..."

"Thanks," the second brother said, taking the seed and running off before he heard what else seeds needed to grow.

The wild thing shook its huge head as the third brother came rushing in loudly. Again, the wild thing held out a seed, but this time it said, "Seeds need sunshine to ..."

The third brother was gone before he heard what else seeds needed to grow. Back at their hut, each brother tried to grow the seeds that the wild thing had given them.

The first brother dug a deep hole for the seed and then covered it back up with earth.

The second brother took his seed into a valley and then tossed it into a tiny stream of water. It sank to the bottom, out of sight.

The third brother put his seed on top of a flat stone in the bright sunlight.

Time passed, but nothing happened, so the three brothers ran back to the wild thing's cave. They rushed inside together.

"Those seeds you gave us were broken," they shouted angrily.

The wild thing glared at them with its yellow hyena eyes.

"Those were good seeds," the wild thing said. "Each seed would have made a strong, healthy tree, but you three were too busy trying to win and too angry with each other to listen properly. Now I have only one seed left, so listen carefully! This is the lesson of the seed: You have to work together if you want the seed to grow."

"Work together?" the brothers asked crossly. "But who will win if we work together?"

"All of you," said the wild thing, throwing more magic powder into its pot.

Back at the hut, the three brothers finally agreed to work together. They put the seed into the earth, in a sunny spot and they gave it water.

And then they waited.

This time, a tree grew. It grew tall with big, green leaves for shade, branches for firewood and ripe, yellow fruit to eat.



Although the brothers still argued with each other until they were old and grey, they never forgot the lesson of the seed: You have to work together if you want the seed to grow. The brothers learnt that things worked out much better when they worked together!

## Get story active!

- ➊ What do you think the inside of the wild thing's cave looks like? Draw a picture of the cave and write a paragraph describing the things in the cave.
- ➋ Use clay or playdough, wool, buttons or beads, scrap paper, sticks and other

found materials to make a model of the wild thing in this story or your own idea of a wild thing.

- ➌ Do you know how to plant a seed? Write down the steps you would take to plant a seed successfully.

# Madakalo a Nal'ibali

## Nal'ibali fun

1.

Kha tshiṭori tsha *Khovhe khulwane*  
*yavhuđi* Joe u ḥangana na Dolly nđilani  
 ya u ya hayani. Ñwalani zwine na  
 humbula uri vha khou amba kha mabulo  
 a tshipitshi. Ni kone u ḥwala mafhungo  
 a si gathi ni tshi ṭalus a tshifanyiso tshi  
 re kha mitalo afha phasi.



In the story *The great big fish* Joe meets Dolly on his way home. Write what you think they are saying to each other in the speech bubbles. Then write a few sentences describing the picture on the lines below.

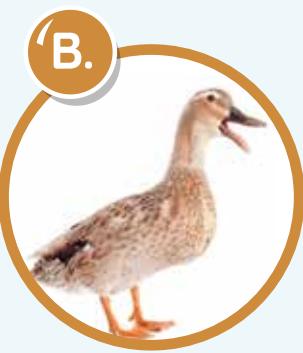
2.

★ Ni a ḫivha madzina a zwipuka izwi? Vhekanyani  
 małedere u wana uri ndi zwifhio.

★ Do you know the names of these animals?  
 Unscramble the letters to find out what they are.



mokholo ● woc



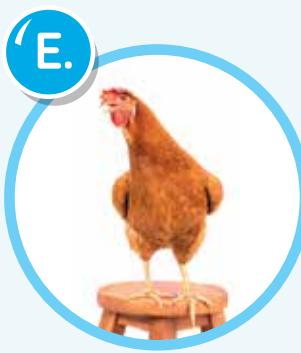
kwase ● cudk



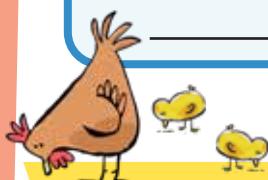
dzimbu ● tago



vhengulu ● ipg



hukhu ● ehn



Answers: 2. A: kholomo, B: sekwa, C: goat, D: nguluvhe, E: hen

Nal'ibali yo itelwa u ni ḫuwedza na u ni tikedza. Ri kwameni nga iñwe ya dzenedzi nđila:  
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