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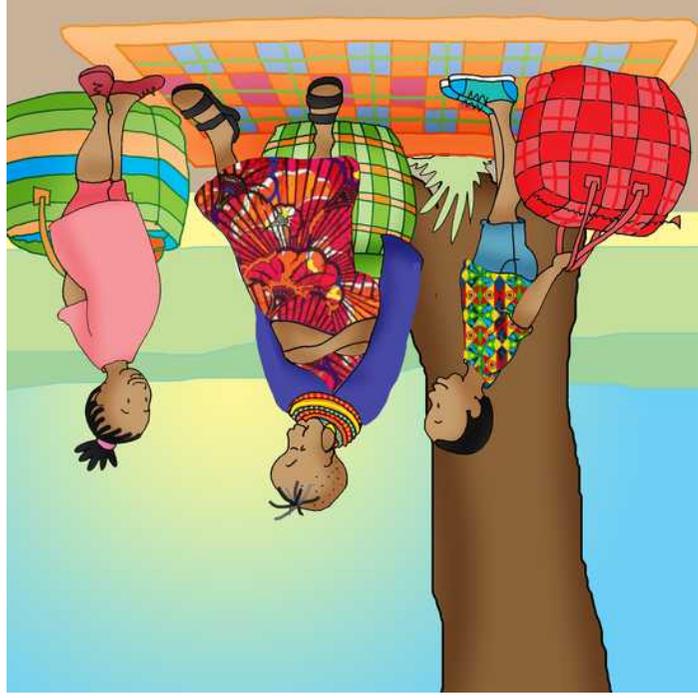
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## Holidays with grandmother

Re etela koko

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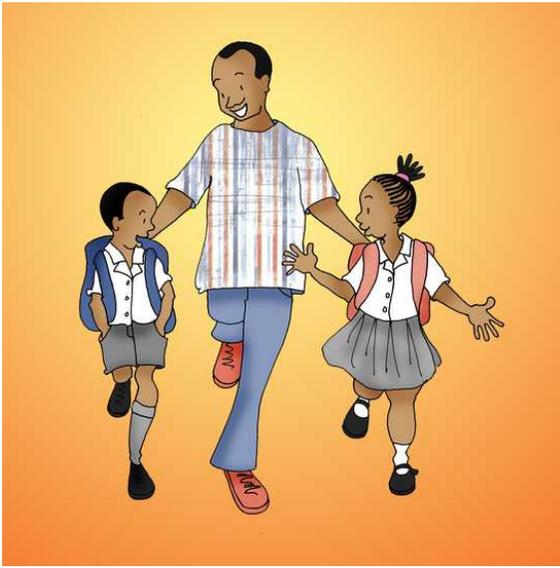
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Odongo le Apiyo ba dula motsesetoropong le tatago bona.  
Ba be ba fela pelo gore maikhutšo a dikolo a thoma neng.  
Ba fela pelo ka gore ba ya go etela koko. Odongo le Apiyo  
ba be ba thabile ka gore maikhutšo a ile a fihla.

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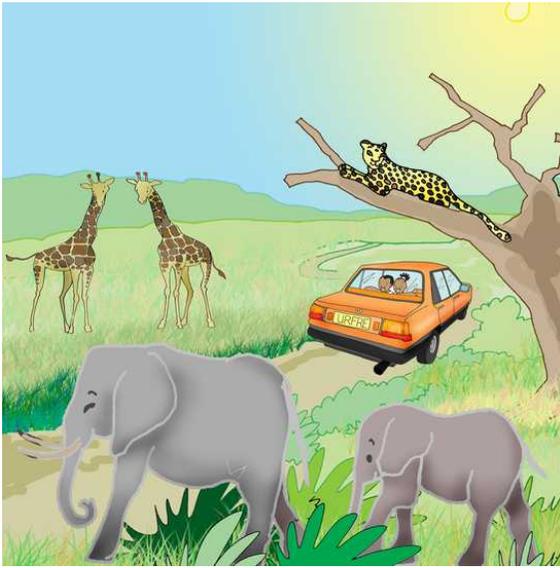
Odongo and Apiyo lived in the city with their father. They looked forward to the holidays. Not just because school was closed, but because they went to visit their grandmother. She lived in a fishing village near a large lake.



Mantšiboa ba ile ba paka diparoto tša leeto, ba itokisetša leeto la bona le le telele go yo etela koko. Bošegong bjoo, bana ba ba ile ba palelwa ke go robala, ba lala ba bolela ka maikhutšo bošego kamoka.

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Odongo and Apiyo were excited because it was time to visit their grandmother again. The night before, they packed their bags and got ready for the long journey to her village. They could not sleep and talked the whole night about the holiday.



Mesong, ba tloga ka koloi ya tate ba leba go koko. Koloi ya sepela ya feta dithaba, ya feta diphoofolo tša naga le polasa ya teye. Bana ba ipshina ka go bala dikoloi tšeo di fetago le ka go opela dikoša.

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Early the next morning, they left for the village in their father's car. They drove past mountains, wild animals and tea plantations. They counted cars and sang songs.



Ge ba boela sekolong, Odongo le Apiyo ba anegela bagwera ka bophelo bja naga-magaeng. Bangwe bagwera ba re bona ba rata bophelo bja motsesetoropong efela bangwe ba re bja naga-magaeng bo kaone. Seo ba kwanego ka sona ka moka, ke gore Odingo le Apiyo, ba nale koko wa go loka wa lerato!

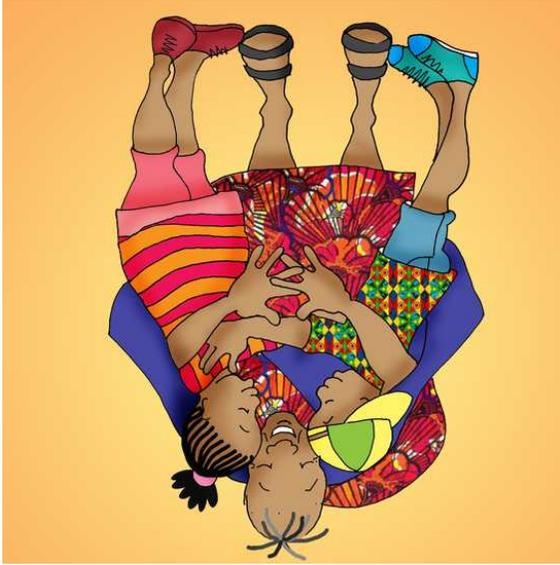
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When Odongo and Apiyo went back to school they told their friends about life in the village. Some children felt that life in the city was good. Others felt that the village was better. But most of all, everyone agreed that Odongo and Apiyo had a wonderful grandmother!

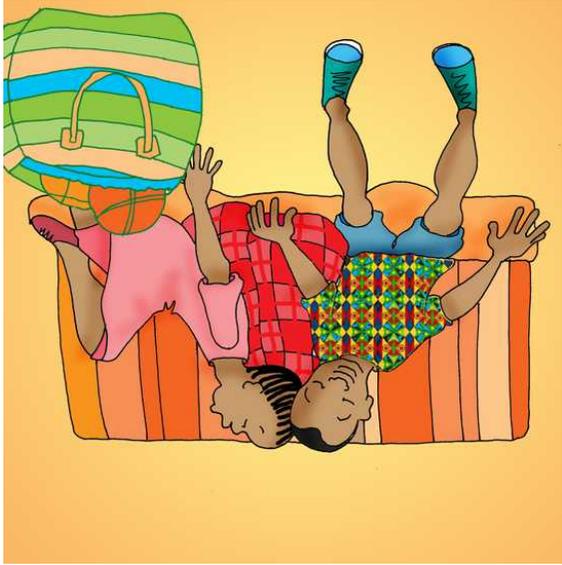
Odongo and Apiyo both hugged her tightly and said  
goodbye.

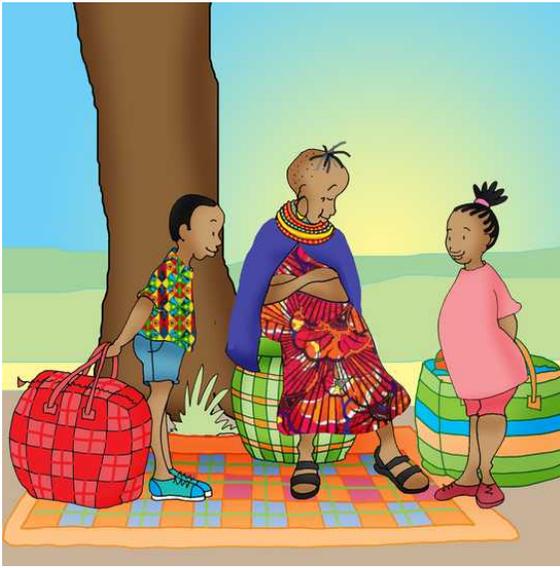
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Odongo le Apiyo ba mo gokara ka maata, morago ba mo  
laela.



Morago ga nakwana, bana ba lapa ba swarwa ke boroko.  
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After a while, the children were tired and fell asleep.





Tate o ile a tsoša Odongo le Apiyo ge ba tsena ka motse. Ba ile ba hwetša koko, Selaelo, a dutše legogong tlase ga mohlare. Ka Sepedi, “Selaelo” ke gore, ‘ngwana wa mafelelo’.

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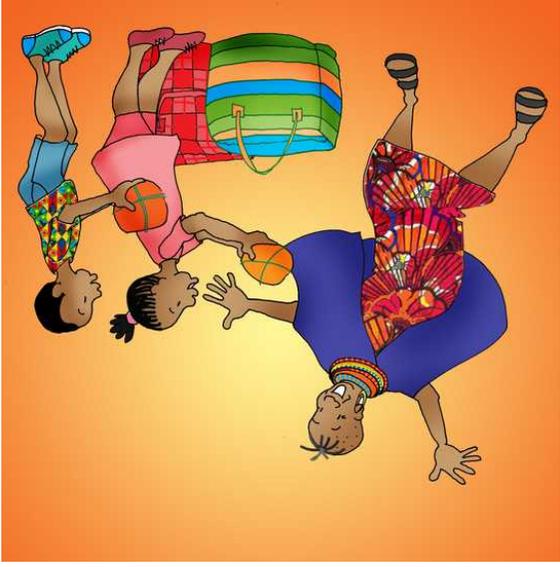
Father woke up Odongo and Apiyo as they arrived in the village. They found Nyar-Kanyada, their grandmother, resting on a mat under a tree. Nyar-Kanyada in Luo, means ‘daughter of the people of Kanyada’. She was a strong and beautiful woman.



Ge tatago bona a fihla, bana ba be ba sa nyake go sepela. Ba kgopela koko Selaelo gore a sepele le bona. Koko Selaelo o ile a myemyela a re, “Nna ke tšofetše gore nka dula motse-setoropong. Ke tla le emela ge le tla go nketela gape.”

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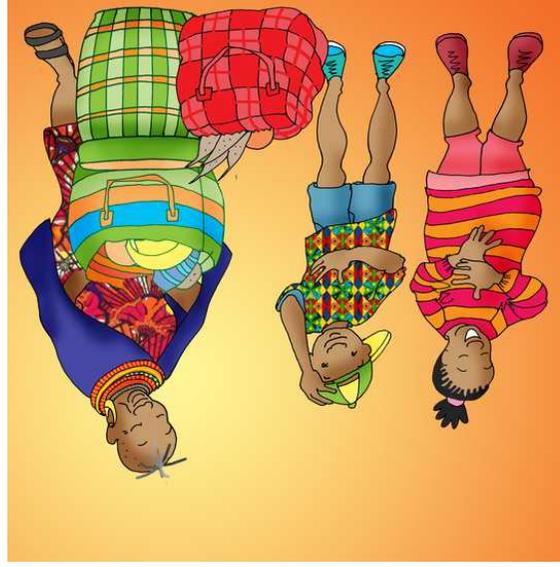
When their father came to fetch them, they did not want to leave. The children begged Nyar-Kanyada to go with them to the city. She smiled and said, “I am too old for the city. I will be waiting for you to come to my village again.”



O ile a amogela baeng ba gagwe ka go opela le go bina ka ntlong ka lethabo Odongo le Apiyo ba ile ba thabela go fa koko Selaelo dimpho tseo ba mo reketsego tsona go tswa toropong. "Bula mpho ya ka pele koko," gwa bolela Odongo. "Aowa, bula ya ka pele!" gwa goeela Apiyo.

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Nyar-kanyada welcomed them into the house and danced around the room singing with joy. Her grandchildren were excited to give her the presents they brought from the city. "First open my gift," said Odongo. "No, my gift first!" said Apiyo.



Go se goye kae, ke ge maikhutso a fedille. Odongo le Apiyo ba swanela go boela gae motse-setoropong. Koko Selaelo o ile a fa Odongo kepisi, a fa Apiyo jeresi. Morago a phuthella bana mphago wa leoto

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But too soon the holidays were over and the children had to go back to the city. Nyar-kanyada gave Odongo a cap and Apiyo a sweater. She packed food for their journey.



Koko Selaelo o ile a leboga dimpho ka go šegofatša bana le go ba reta ka ditheto tša bona.

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After she opened the presents, Nyar-Kanyada blessed her grandchildren in a traditional way.



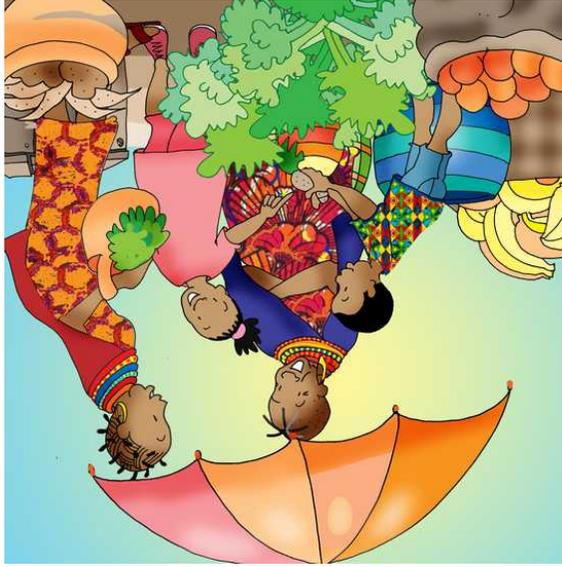
Mathapama bana le koko ba ipshina ka teye, morago ba bala letseno la bona la tšatši leo mmogo.

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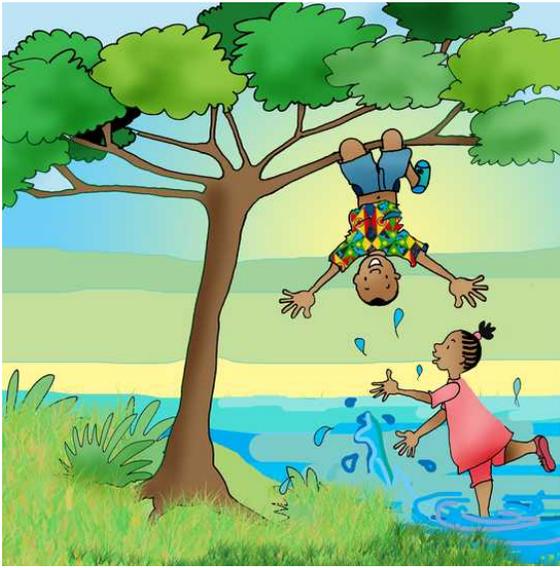
At the end of the day they drank chai tea together. They helped grandmother to count the money she earned.



Odongo le Apiyo ba ile ba ya ntle go raloka. Ba ile ba kitimiša dinyane le dirurubele..  
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 Then Odongo and Apiyo went outside. They chased butterflies and birds.



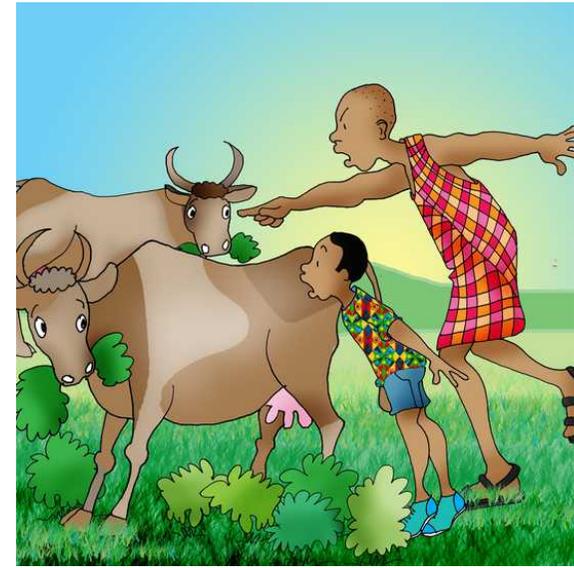
Ka mokibelo, bana ba ya mmarakeng le koko Selaelo. Koko o be a rekisa merogo, swikiri le disepe gona kua mmarakeng. Apiyo o be a rata go botša bareki kelo ya direkišwa tšeo tša koko. Odongo yena, a rata go phuthela tšeo bareki ba di rekilego.  
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 On another day, the children went to the marketplace with Nyar-Kanyada. She had a stall selling vegetables, sugar and soap. Apiyo liked to tell customers the price of items. Odongo would pack the items that customers bought.



Ba namela mehlare gape ba raloka ka letamong.

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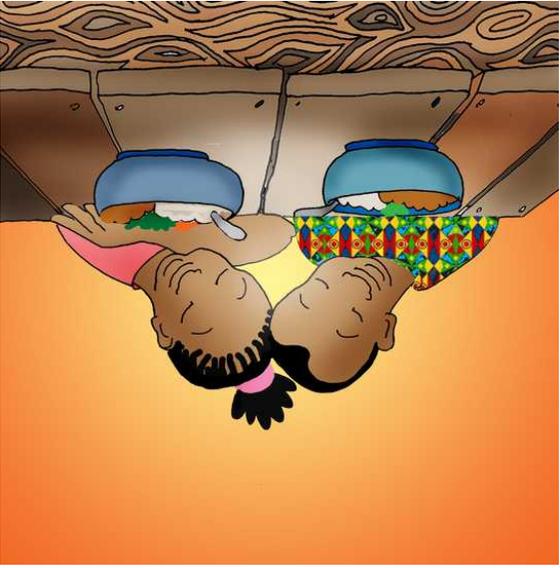
They climbed trees and splashed in the water of the lake.



Tšatši le lengwe Odongo o ile a iša dikgomo tša koko Selaelo mafulong. Dikgomo di ile tša šwahlela mašemo a moagišane wa koko. Mong polasa o ile a befelwa kudu. O ile a tshepiša gore o tlike go tšea dikgomo bakeng la gore di jele ka mašamong a gagwe. Go tloga tšatšing leo, Odongo o ile a tshepiša go hlokomela.

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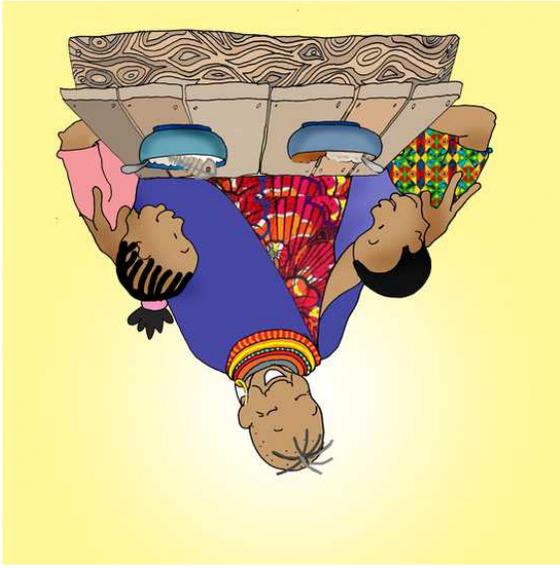
One morning, Odongo took his grandmother's cows to graze. They ran onto a neighbour's farm. The farmer was angry with Odongo. He threatened to keep the cows for eating his crops. After that day, the boy made sure that the cows did not get into trouble again.



Mathapama ba boa gae go tlo lalala. Ba ile ba thoma go  
otsela ba le gare ba eja!

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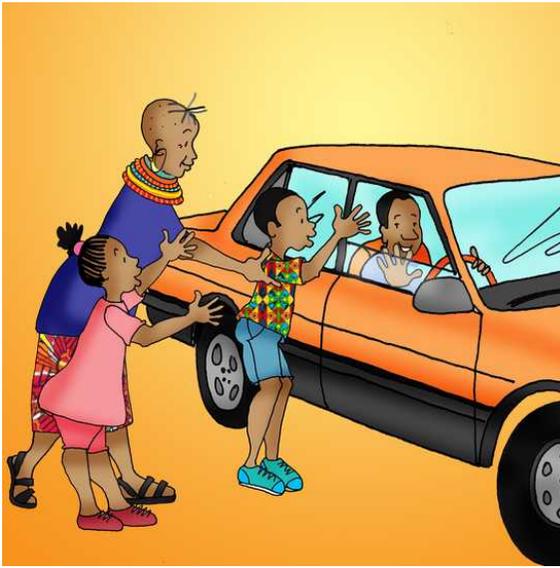
When it was dark they returned to the house for dinner.  
Before they could finish eating, they were falling asleep!



Koko Selaelo o ile a ruta ditlogolo tša gagwe go apha  
magen. A ba ruta gape go apha bogobe bja mabele, ba  
šeba ka hlap!

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Nyar-Kanyada taught her grandchildren to make soft ugali  
to eat with stew. She showed them how to make coconut  
rice to eat with roast fish.



Ka tšatši leo le latelago, tatago bana o ile a boela morago gae, bana ba šala le koko Selaelo.

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The next day, the children's father drove back to the city leaving them with Nyar-Kanyada.



Odongo le Apiyo ba ile ba thuša koko ka mešongwana ya ka gae. Ba kga meetse, ba tla le dikgong. Ba tla le mae a dikgogo a go tšwa ka hokong, ba kga le merogo ka serapeng sa koko sa merogo.

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Odongo and Apiyo helped their grandmother with household chores. They fetched water and firewood. They collected eggs from the chickens and picked greens from the garden.