

# The Things That Really Matter

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We are going on a trip.  
I ask Mama what to pack.

She says, 'The things that  
really matter.'

We stop at the windmill for breakfast,  
The jungle gym is so much fun.

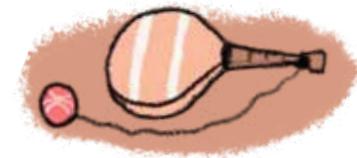
I forget my toy.





I am sad in the car,  
but Tando is happy.

‘Hooray! Now you can  
play with **me!**’ he says.



We stop at a farm to see some animals.  
Tando is searching so hard for a springbok,

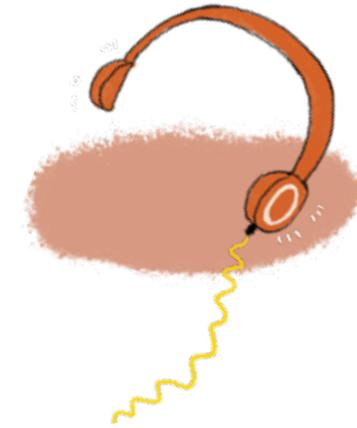
a monkey gets away with his headphones.





He is sad in the car,  
but I am happy.

‘Hooray! Now you can  
sing with **me!**’ I say.



We stop at a roaring waterfall.  
We are so excited,  
we are pushing and pulling.

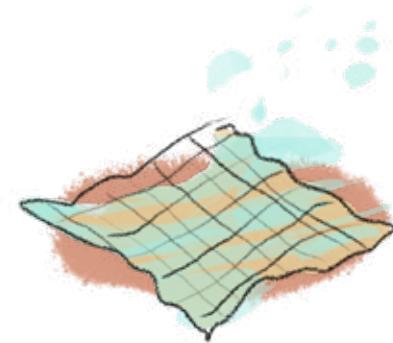
Papa falls in the water,  
and so does his map.





He is sad in the car,  
but Mama is happy.

‘Hooray! Now I can help you  
find **OUR** way!’ she says.



We stop at the roadside vendor to buy some mielies.

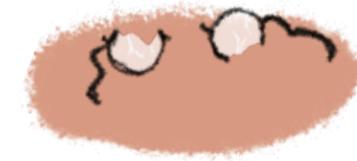
Mama bends over to pick the best ones, and her glasses fall and break.





Mama is sad in the car,  
but Papa is happy.

‘Hooray! Now we can find  
our way **together!**’ Papa says.



We stop on an ancient hill to get a view of the valley. Papa is making silly jokes for us to smile for the picture,

but...





when we get back to the  
car, it won't start.

Everyone stops laughing.

'Don't worry...' says Mama.  
'We can still have a good time.  
**We** are the things that  
really matter.'



And so, we **do** have a  
good time.

By playing and singing  
and finding our way together,

while enjoying the  
best mielies.



