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Basiti labahlakaniphile baGogo Mapula

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Gogo Mapula wabuka incumbi yemaklabishi
labeseceleni kwemnyango wakhe longembili.
Bekasebenta matima anakekela ingadze yakhe.

Nyalo besikhatsi sekuyotsengisa sivuno sakhe
emakethe.

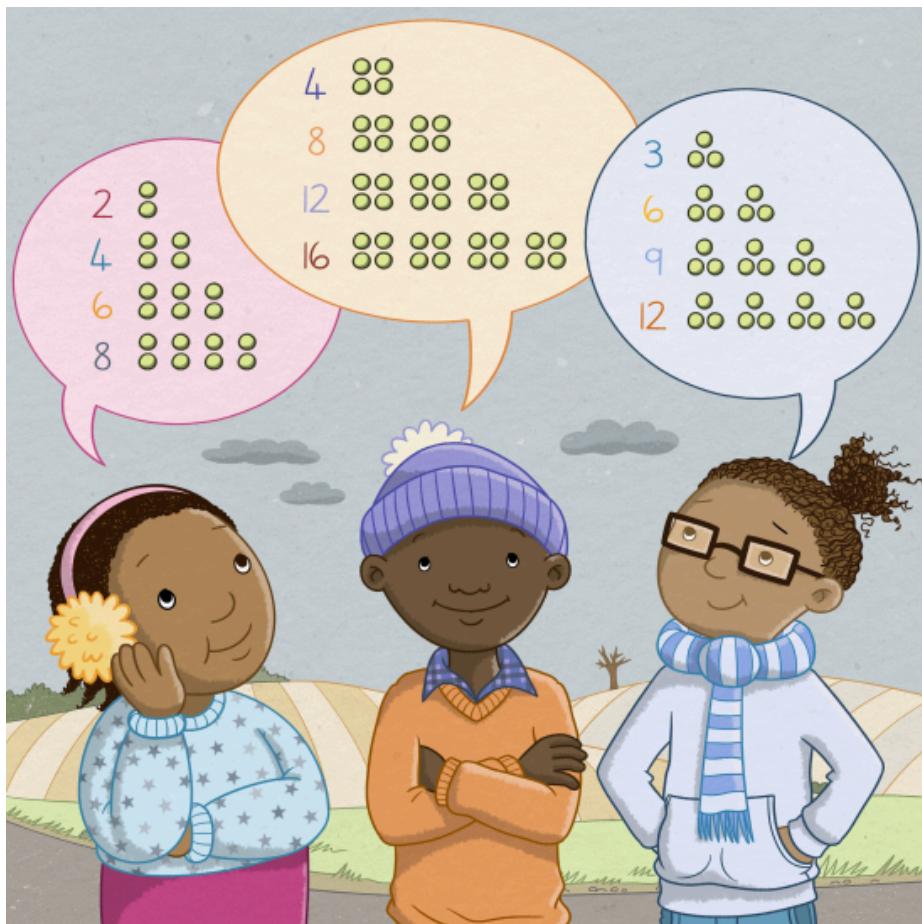
“Ngitawudzinga lusito ngekubala kanye nekupakisha
lamaklabishi,” kucabanga gogo.



Ngalesikhatsi gogo asemile emnyango wendlu yakhe kwendlula Jabu, Dineo, kanye naDimpho. Wajabula kakhulu ngekubabona.

"Ngicela nite lapha nitongisita ngekupakisha sivuno sami kunankha emabhokisi," acela bantfwana.

Bekati kutsi bahlakaniphile nekutsi bayakutsandza kusita.



Labantfwana babonisana ngendlela labangapakisha ngayo emaklabishi.

“Asiwabale bese sipakisha emaklabishi ngemacembu alokubili,” kusho Dineo.

“Asiwabale bese sipakisha emaklabishi ngemacembu alokune,” kusho Jabu.

Asiwabale bese sipakisha emaklabishi ngemacembu alokutsatfu,” kusho Dimpho.



Labantfwana bancuma kutsi kubala emaklabishi ngemacembu alokune kutawukuba yindlela lesheshako yekuwapakisha emabhokisini.

"Ebhokisini ngalinye kungene emaklabishi lalishumi nakubili," kusho Dineo.

"Nente kahle, nikwente masinyane!" kumoyitela gogo.
"Nyalo uMnu. Jonas asangatsatsa emaklabishi awayise emakethe."



"Litawubita malini liklabishi linye?" kubuta Dineo.

"Ngiyati kutsi ungawabala kutsi angumalini. Libhokisi linye libita R60," kusho gogo.

"Nangabe libhokisi libita R60, kantsi kunemaklabishi lalishumi nakubili ebhokisini, kufanele sehlukanise emashumi lasitfupha ngelishumi nakubili," kusho Dineo.



"Ngiyati!" kusho Jabu. "Liklabishi linye litawubita R5."

"Loko kuliciniso!" kuphendvula Dimpho. Basiti bagogo bapakisha onkhe emaklabishi.

UMnu. Jonas bekajabulile ngobe bekangasenawo umsebenti lomnyenti. "Ngitawucinisekisa kutsi onkhe emaklabishi ayatsengwa emakethe," asho.



Labantfwana bahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla
lesisengadzeni kute baphumule. Babona gogo afihle
intfo letsite esidziyeni sakhe.

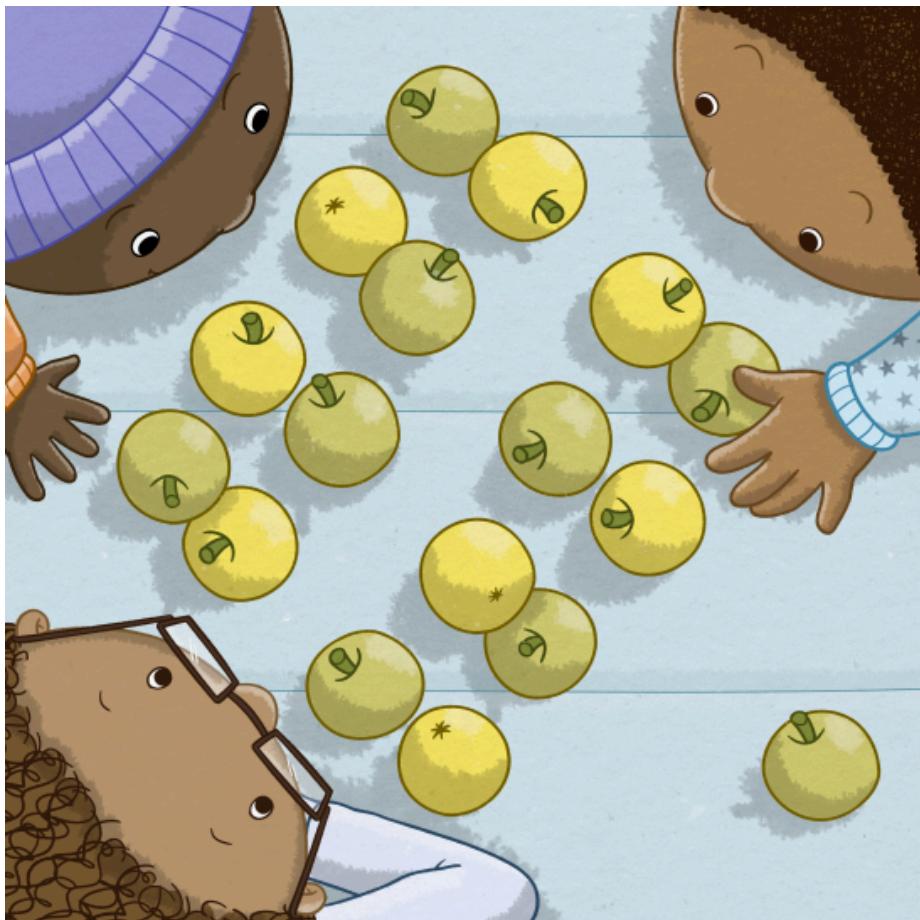
"Yini leyo?" kubuta Dineo.

"Yintfo yekukhombisa kubonga kwami ngawo wonkhe
umsebenti wenu. Kodwya kufanele nabelane
ngalokulinganako," kusho gogo.



Labantwana bajabula kakhulu. Gogo Mapula wabanika incumbi yemahhabhula lamnandzi. "Abonakala amnandzi kakhulu," kusho Dineo njengobe sekakhotsa tindzebe takhe.

"Ingabe onkhe lamahhabhula ngewetfu?" kubuta Dimpho ngekumangala. "Yebo, nikhumbule kutsi kufanele nabelane ngalokulinganako!" kusho gogo.



"Asibale emahhabhula," kusho Dimpho.

Babala emahhabhula ngemacembu alokubili.

"Kunemacembu lasiphohlongo emahhabhula
langamabili, bese kuba nalinye lihhabhula lelengetiwe.
Sekawonkhe, ngemahhabhula lalishumi
nesikhombisa," kusho Dimpho.

"Ngako, sidzinga kwehlukanisa emahhabhula lalishumi
nesikhombisa phakatsi kwetfu sobatsatfu," kusho Jabu.



Labantfwana babala emahhabhula lasihlanu emuntfu ngamunye, kwase kuba nemahhabhula lamabili lasalako. Babanekudideka ngendlela yekwaba lamahhabhula lamabili.

“Kufanele sisike lamahhabhula lamabili abe ngemahhafu,” kusho Dimpho.

“Kufanele sisike lamahhabhula lamabili abe ngemakota,” kusho Jabu.



"Kepha tsine sobatsatfu ngeke sabelane
ngalokulinganako emahhafu noma emakota," kusho
Dineo.

"Asinike gogo kanye neMnu. Jonas lamahhabhula
lasele!" avete umbono wakhe. "Yebo, ngobe gogo
nguye lohlanyele emaklabishi," kuvuma Jabu.

"Wase uMnu. Jonas utsatsa sivuno setilimo wasiyisa
emakethe," kwengeta Dimpho.



UMnu. Jonas wabuya emakethe ngemva
kwekutsengisa onkhe emaklabishi.

Dimpho wabela Gogo Mapula kanye naMnu. Jonas
emahhabhula lasele.

Basiti labahlakaniphile bebatigcabha.

Basebentisa loko labebakufundzile esikolweni kute
basite gogo futsi babelane ngalokulinganako.



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