

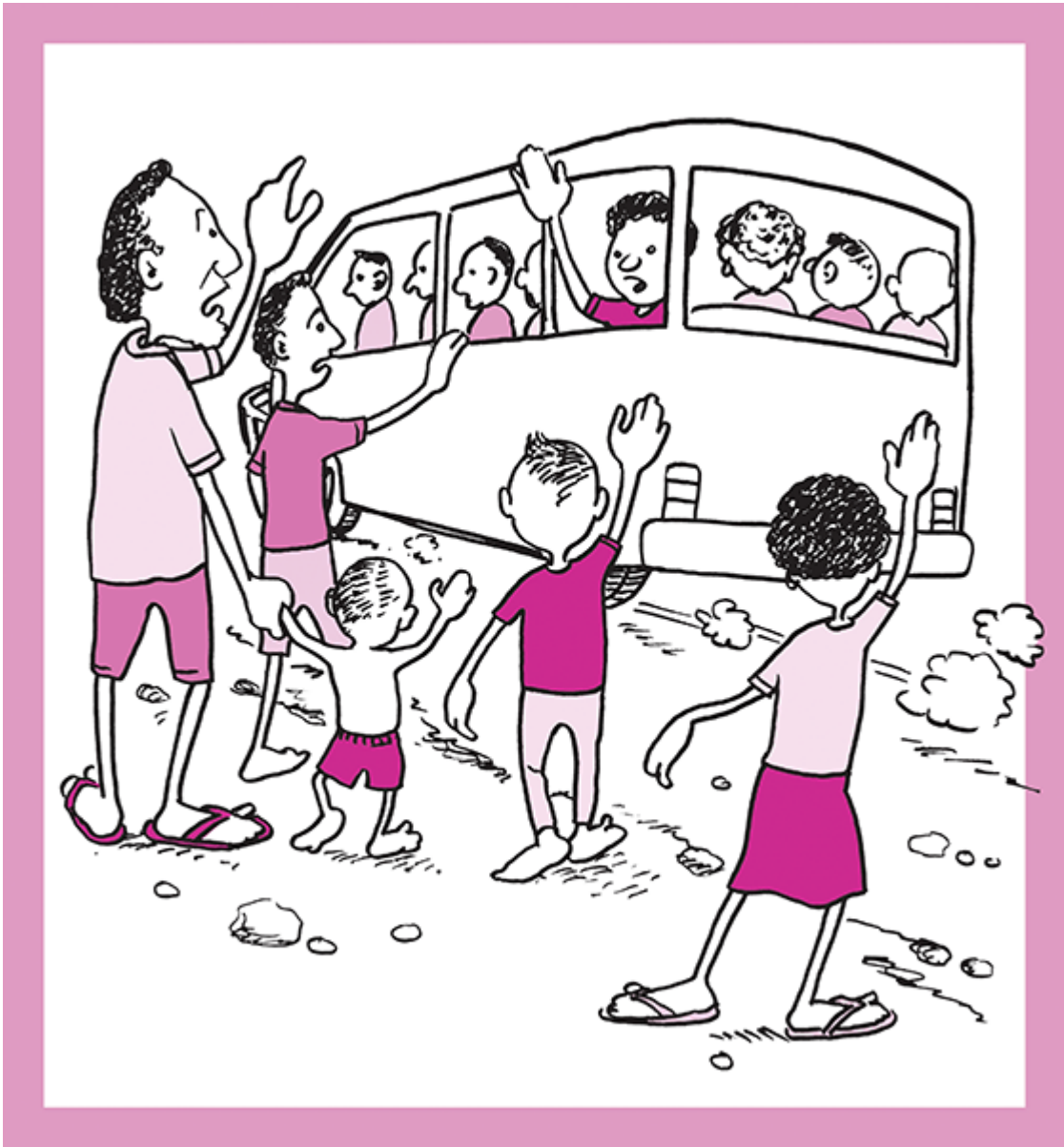


## **When Mama is Away**

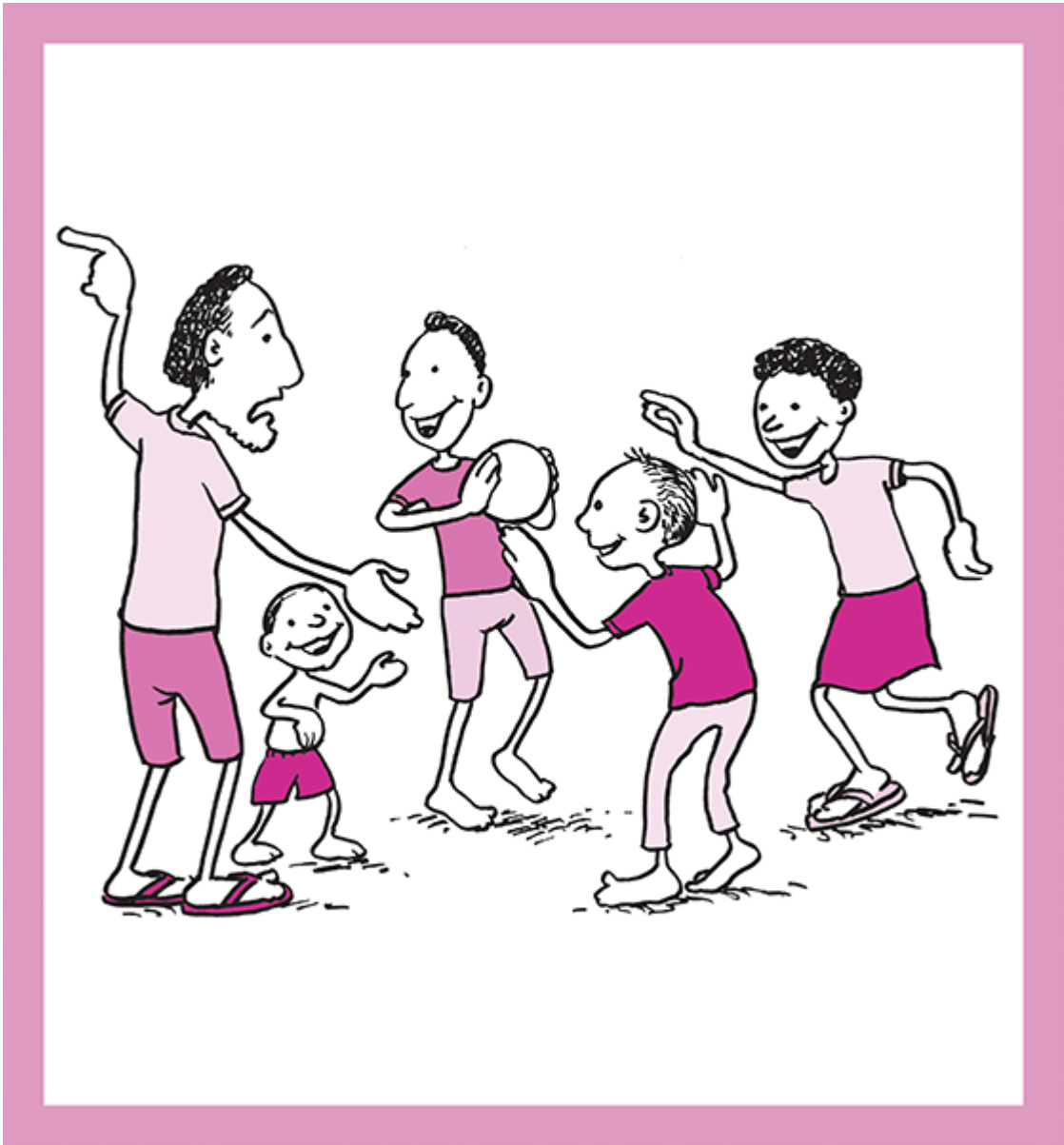
Bubu is sick. Mama is going to look after her but who will look after us?



When Mama is Away  
Tandi Jackson



Bubu lives in a village. She is sick. Mama is going to look after her.



Who will clean the house? Who will work in the garden?



Who will cook the food? Who will wash the clothes?



I will work in the garden.



I will clean the house.



I will cook some food.





I will wash some clothes.



Who will look after baby?



We will all look after baby.



Comprehension Questions 1. Where is Mama going on the bus? Why? 2. Is the family happy to see mum go? How do you know? 3. Why do you think that dad look worried? 4. Who helps dad? 5. How does the boy help in the garden? 6. How does the girl help clean the house? 7. Who does the cooking? 8. Who looks after the baby? 9. Will mum be pleased when she gets home? Why? 10. What things do you do to help at home? Activity Draw things that you do to help at home.



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