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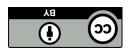
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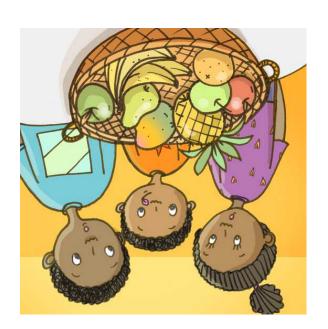




Gaftokko mamman fuduraa bayee argate.

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One day, mama got a lot of fruit.

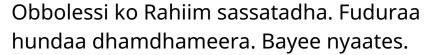


"Fuduraa yeroo kama nyaachu dandenyaa?" Jette harmeen."

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"When can we have some fruit?" we ask. "We will eat the fruit tonight," says mama.





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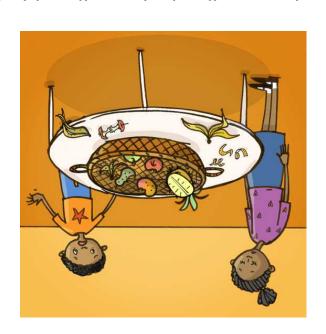
My brother Rahim is greedy. He tastes all the fruit. He eats a lot of it.



Boodee, Rahiim dhifamaa nugaafate. "Ani lammata sassatu hinta'u," jedhe waada gale. Nuhundi keenyaa isa amanne.

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Later, Rahim says sorry to us. "I will never be so greedy again," he promises. And we all believe him.



"Waan Rahiim godhe ilaali!" jedhe obbolessi koo xinnan. "Rahiim sassatuf kaka'aa dha," jedhe.

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"Look at what Rahim did!" shouts my little brother. "Rahim is naughty and selfish," I say.

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Harmeen akka kuni ta'u nibeekit turte, Fuduraan Rahiim adabaa jira!

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Mama knew this would happen. The fruit is punishing Rahim!



Harmeen bayee Rahiimit aarte.

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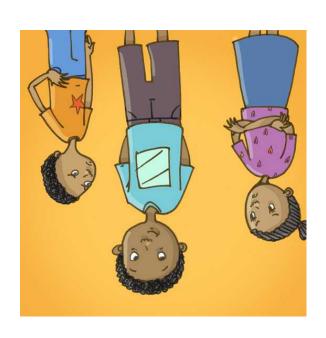
Mother is angry with Rahim.



"Garaa koo nadhukubee," jedhe Rahiim.

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"My tummy is so sore," whispers Rahim.



Nutis bayee Rahiimiti aare. Rahiim garu humma iyyu ittihinfakkanne.

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We are also angry with Rahim. But Rahim is not sorry.



Rahiima dhukkubu calqabe...

Rahim starts to feel sick.



"Rahiim hinadabddu jeechudah?" jedhe obbolessi koo xinnaan.

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"Aren't you going to punish Rahim?" asks little brother.



"Rahiim amma kana nigadita," jetten harmeen.

"Rahim, soon you will be sorry," warns mama.