



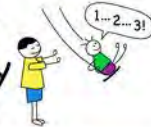
# Akadeli's Lucky Day

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Early  
Family  
Math



Interactive Story

English

# Adult Readers

**Before Talking** Talk with your child before they can talk or even understand the words. Point at, name, and describe things you see, such as shapes, colors, comparisons, and quantities. As your child begins to understand words, ask about a thing and have your child point at it. For example, "Where is the ball?" If your child can't find the thing, point to it for them.

**Early Talking** As your child begins to understand and say words, mix in simple questions. Freely help with answers as needed. If you point and say "Is this red?" and they don't know, supply the answer. If you say "Count the blocks." and your child does not know how, point and count the blocks with them "one, two, three."

**Math Themes and Words** This story has counting to 12, colors, and shapes. Practice words: one, two, to twelve, estimate, take away, color names, shortest, tallest, similar, and different.

**Read, Talk, and Have Fun!** The supplied questions and comments are just the beginning.

For the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, read the red questions and comments.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, read the blue questions and comments.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, read the green questions and comments.

After that, follow your child's interests and let your discussions go in fun directions.



One day Akadeli, Lucy, Acharait, and Mary went to pick wild fruit.

They held hands to cross the big river.

1. Count the girls together.
2. Describe the patterns you see in their clothing. Do you like to wear solids, patterns, or both?
3. Friends sometimes hold hands to keep each other company or show they are friends. Why are these girls holding hands?

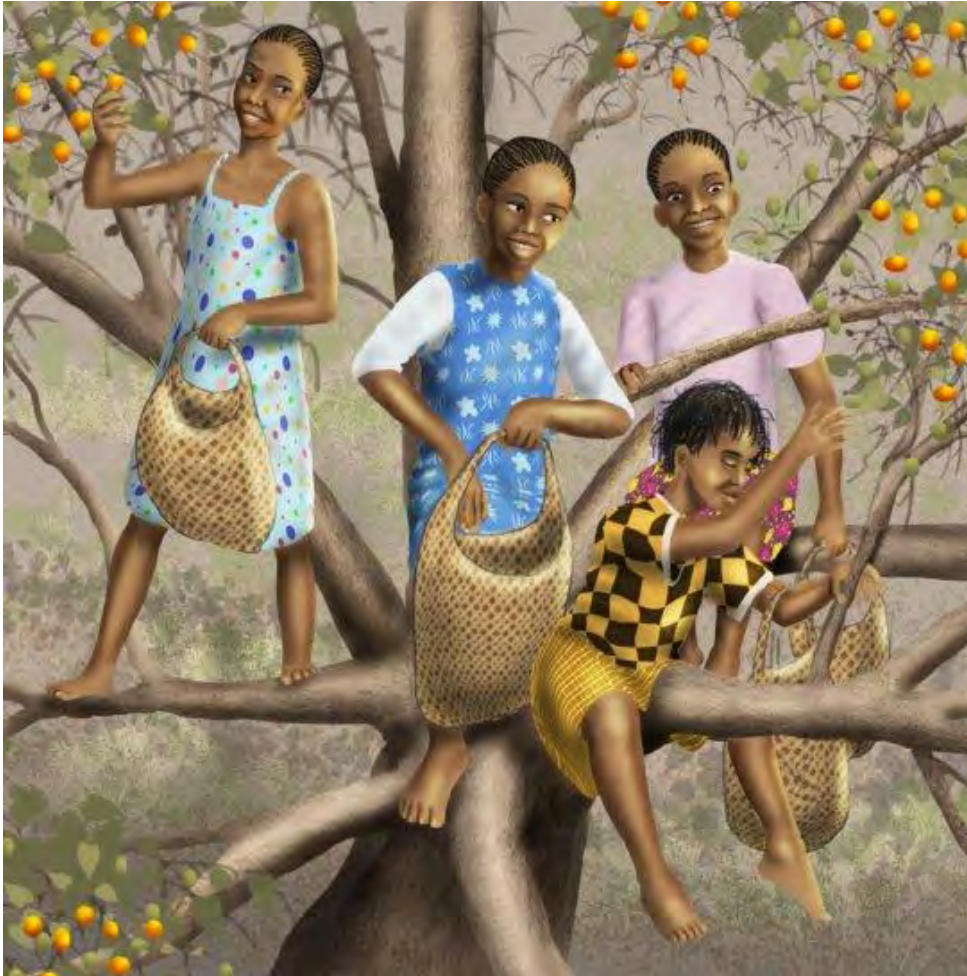


The girls found a tree full of ripe fruit.

They agreed to pick the fruit with their eyes closed.

1. Name all the colors in the colorful clothes they are wearing.
2. Each girl has her arms in a different position. Can you copy their arm positions with your arms?
3. Count together the branches coming off the main trunk of this tree. You will have to decide which ones are big enough to count.

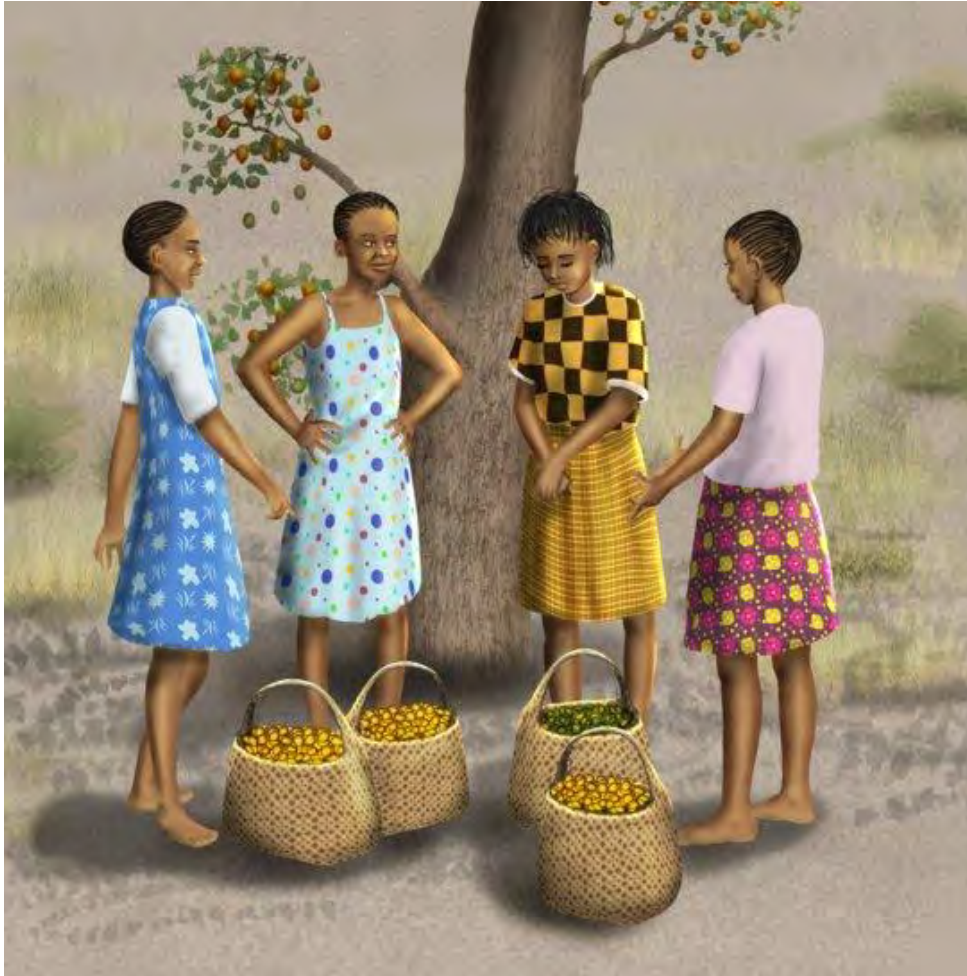




Lucy, Acharait and Mary did not close their eyes.

Only Akadeli closed hers.

1. Why do you think the other girls did not close their eyes?
2. This is a good climbing tree. Count together the branches that look the strongest.
3. Do you ever do things with your eyes closed, just for fun?



When they opened their eyes, only Akadeli had picked unripe fruit.

1. Estimate how many pieces of fruit there are in one basket. Estimating means making an informed guess. Is your estimate bigger than the biggest number you know?

2. What shapes are there on the two blue dresses?

3. Did you ever play a game where some of the people didn't follow the rules? How did it make you feel?



Lucy, Acharait, and Mary laughed at Akadeli. They left for home.

Akadeli threw away the unripe fruit. She began picking ripe ones.

1. If you have four girls and you take three away, how many are left?

2. When people laugh at you, does that make you feel angry or ashamed? Were you able to ignore them knowing they were just being mean?

3. Why did Akadeli stay behind to pick fruit?





Soon, Akadeli filled her basket with ripe fruit.

She set off alone, crossing the big river.

1. How many splashes can you count when her fruit hits the water?

2. Count the larger trees together.

3. Why do you think Akadeli slipped in the river when no one slipped before? Is there another reason for holding hands?





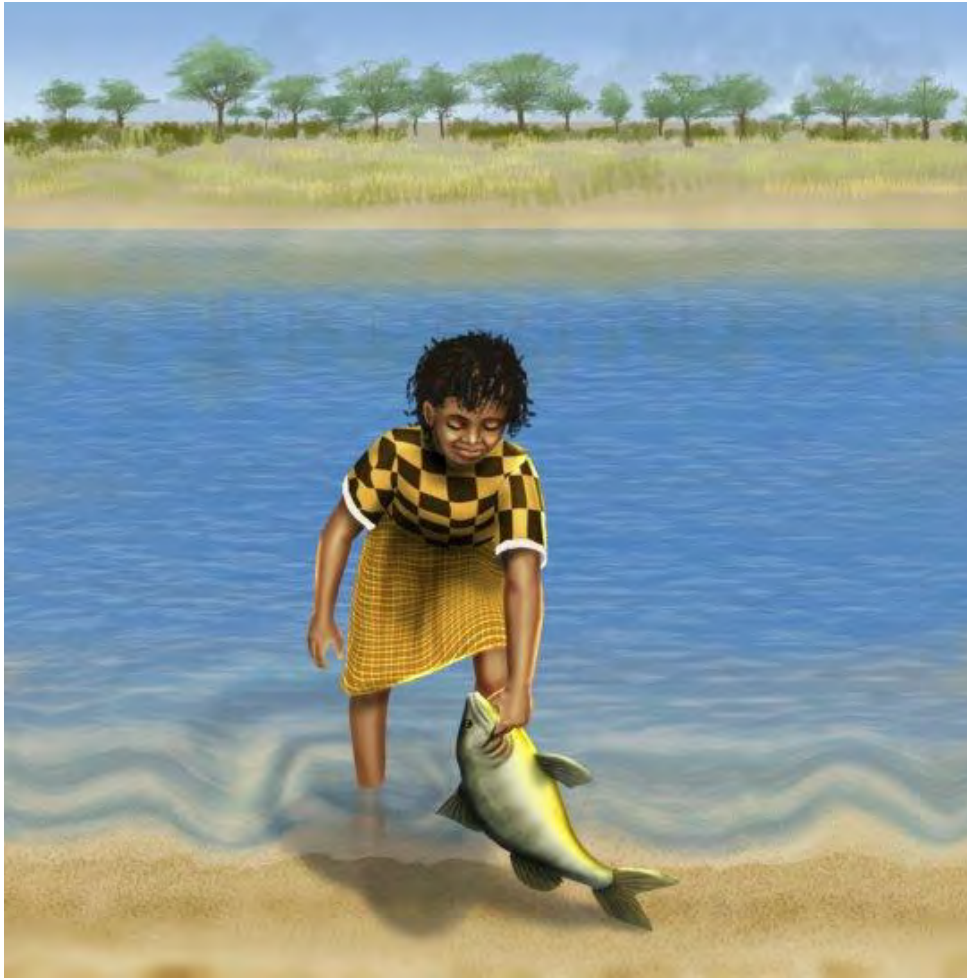
Half way across the river, Akadeli's fruit fell into the water.

She was angry and began to cry.

1. Akadeli is standing in the middle of some circles in the water. How many?

2. People cry sometimes when they are sad or angry. Have you been sad or angry when you spilled something?

3. Count together the dark squares in the checkerboard pattern on her shirt.



Akadeli saw a big fish and grabbed it.

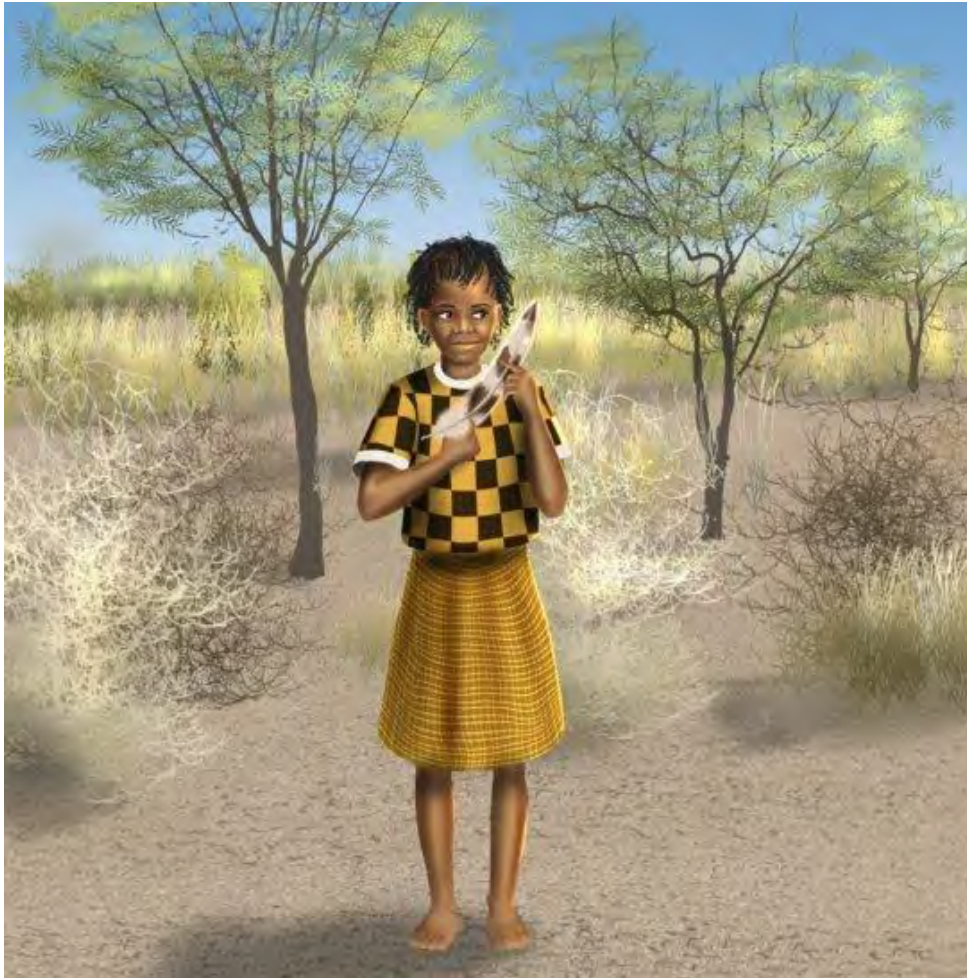
1. Is it okay that Akadeli lost her basket? Do you think her parents will be mad?
2. The title says this is Akadeli's lucky day. How is Akadeli's day going so far?
3. Is this fish bigger or smaller than Akadeli?



As Akadeli walked home, a hawk snatched the fish. He flew away with it.

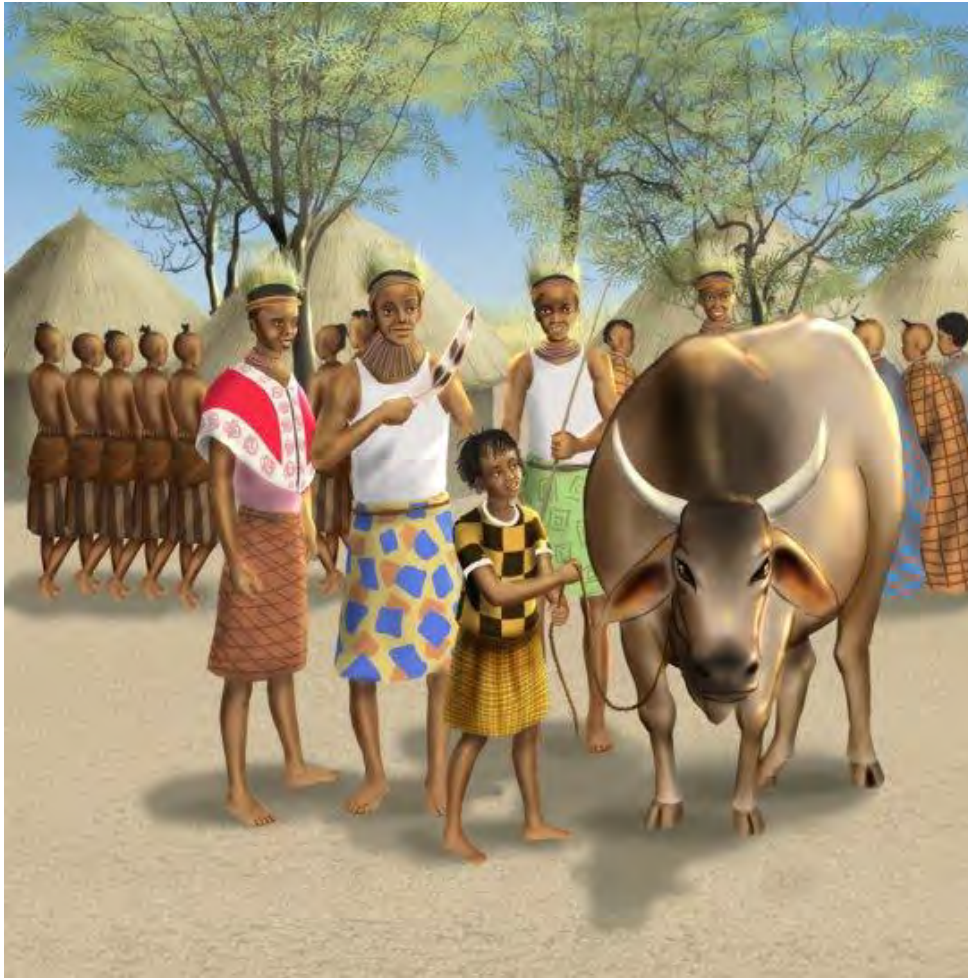
1. The hawk snatched the fish with the talons on its feet. How many talons do you see?
2. The hawk's wings and Akadeli's shirt look a bit alike – describe how they are similar and how they are different.
3. What is Akadeli feeling as she watches the hawk fly away with her fish?





The hawk left behind a feather from its tail. Akadeli picked up the feather and continued walking home.

1. How many spots are on this feather?
2. Have you ever found a feather? Was it very colorful?
3. There are three kinds of plants in this picture. Point at the tallest and shortest ones.



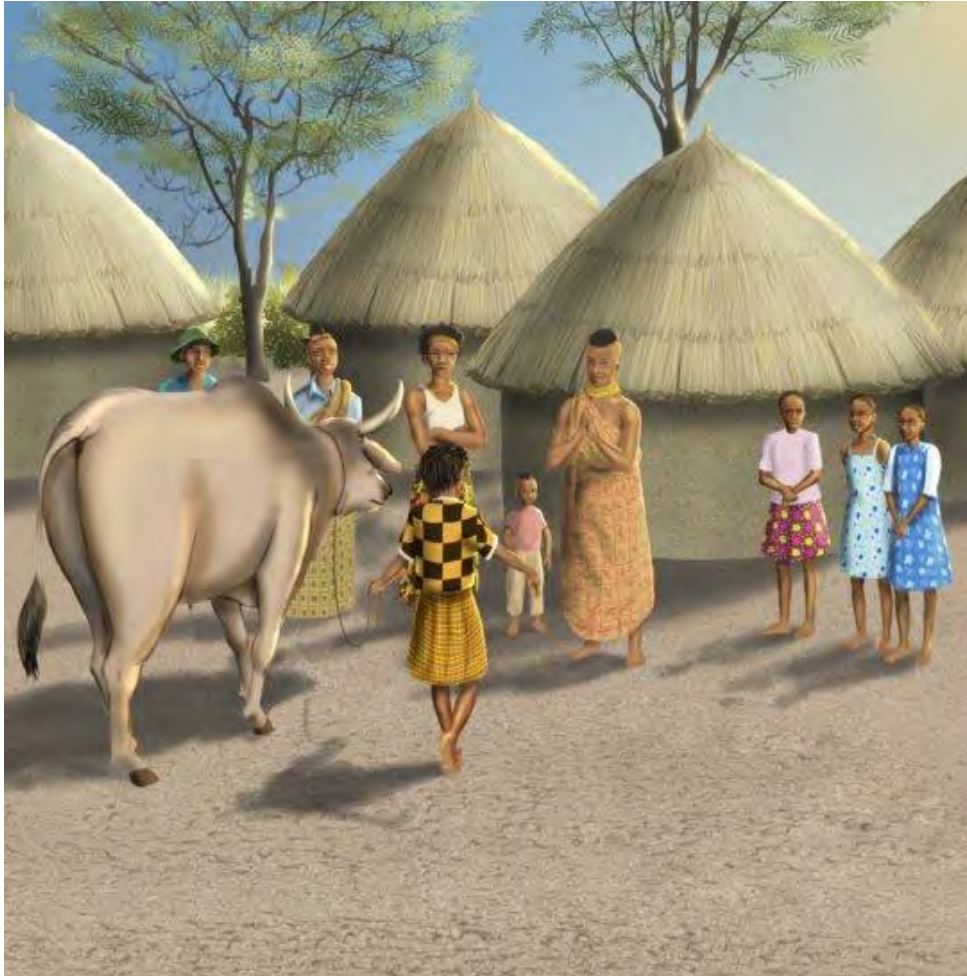
She came across a traditional wedding. Dancers were wearing grass on their heads instead of feathers as was the tradition.

They took her feather and gave her a big bull!

1. Count how many people are wearing yellow grass on their heads.

2. Estimate how many people it would take to weigh as much as that bull.

3. Surprisingly, Akadeli traded a feather for a bull. Why did the people do that?



Akadeli reached home with her bull. Her parents and relatives were so happy. Lucy, Acharait, and Mary wished they had not lied to Akadeli.

It was a lucky day for Akadeli!

1. How do you think the other girls feel?

2. Have you ever lied to someone? If so, did it make you feel sorry or ashamed?

3. Count the number of difficult moments in Akadeli's day. All turned out well in the end. Life can be full of surprises!



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