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(It's my birthday!)

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“Kurukukuuu!”

Vuka Zingisile.

Lusuku lwakho lokuzalwa!”



Lusuku lwam lokuzalwa, kodwa
ikwalusuku lwesikolo.



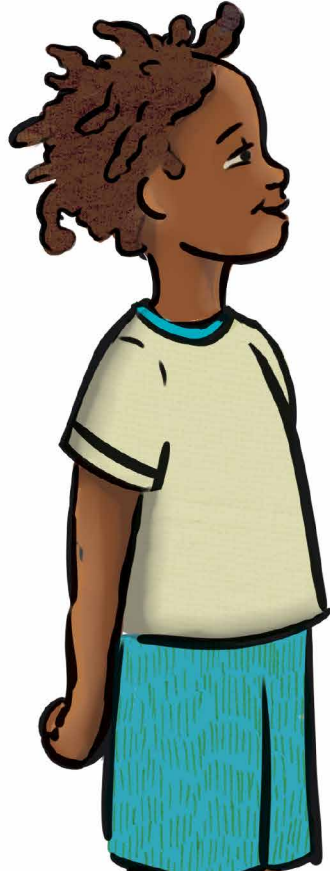
“Mama, Mama!

Qajisela, kanene lusuku lwantoni namhlanje?” Ndivuka ndikhwaze nditsho.

Ndasoloko ndimbuza lo mbuzo umama wam qho kusasa ngosuku lwam lokuzalwa.



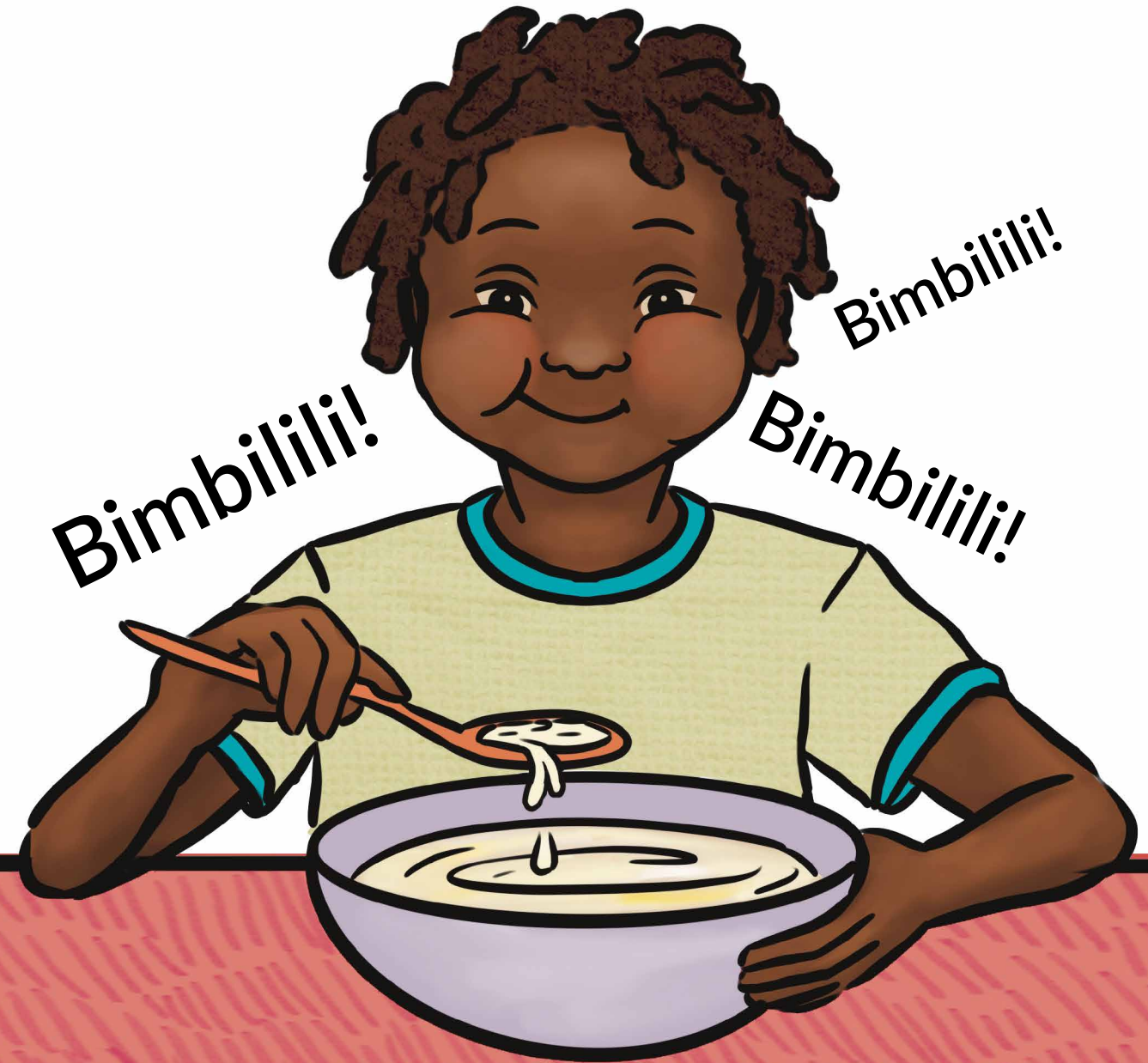
“Sisidudu sakho sosuku lokuzalwa
esi! Khawulezisa utye ke ngoku.



Akulunganga ukuba ufike emva
kwexesha esikolweni ngemini
yakho yokuzalwa.”



Mmmmmmm!
Ndiyasithanda isidudu.

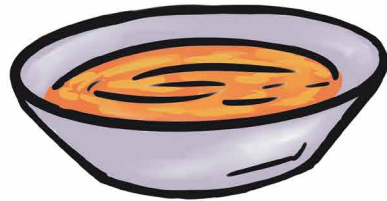
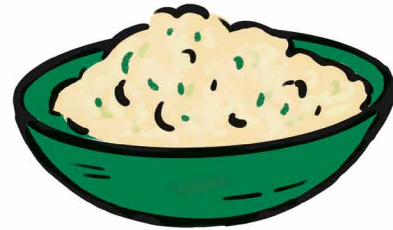


Ekhreshi wonke umntu uyazi
ukuba lusuku lwam lokuzalwa.

Bandiculela Umin'
emnandi kuwe kwaye
bandibhalela iziqwengana
ezibonisa uthando.

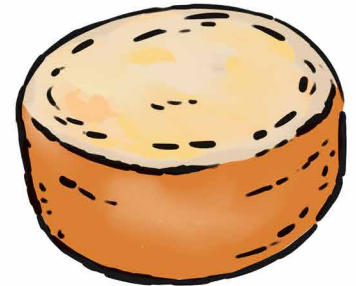
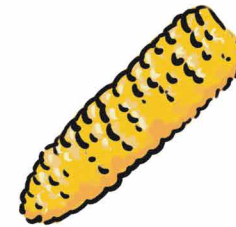


Andisakwazi nokuzibamba xa
ndicinga ngesidlo esikhethekileyo
aza kundilungiselela sona uMama.



Sendingxamele ukubona umzala wam
endimthanda kunene, uSisipho.
Ukwanguye nomhlobo wam
osenyongweni.
Olwakhe usuku lokuzalwa
lungoSeptemba.

Kazi uMama uza kundibambela eyiphi
inkukhu? Ndiyathemba iza kuba
yeyona ityebileyo.



An illustration of a classroom scene. On the left, a female teacher with curly brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, is seated at a purple desk and looking towards the right. In the center, two young girls are seated at the desk; the one in front has pigtails and wears a blue dress with a white collar, while the one behind her has curly hair and wears a blue top. On the right, a young boy with curly hair, wearing a light green t-shirt with blue trim, is standing and pointing his right index finger upwards towards a speech bubble. The background is a solid dark green color.

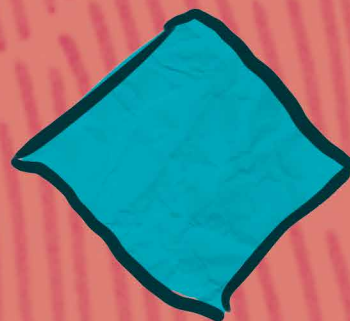
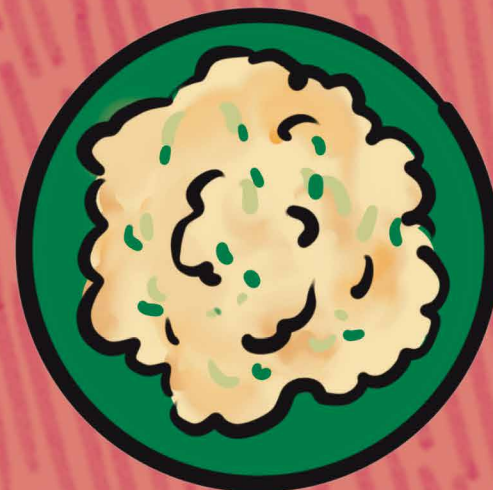
“Yeyiphi eyona ndawo
uyithandileyo kweli bali?”
uyabuza uNkskz
Mkombe.

“Ngumqa!” ndikhwaza
nditsho, ndisekude
ngeengcinga.
Bayahleka abahlobo bam.

Xa ndifika ekhaya, uLuhambo
uchwayitile. Yena owakhe umhla
wokuzalwa wokuqala ubunge28
kaApreli.



Kwaye mna izakuba kokwesihlanu
ngoku ndibhiyozela usuku lwam
lokuzalwa!



Khawukhangele konke oku kutya! UMama undenzele zonke ezithandwa ndim – ispinatshi, amagranyaza ombona, umqa nomhluzi kunye nesonka sakhe sodumo. Yonke into ikhiwe kwisitiya sethu.



“Min’ emnandi kuwe Zingisile!
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Unangaphi ngoku?”

“Ndineminyaka emihlanu ngoku!”
ndicula nditsho ukuphendula.
UTata wam uyandifunqula
andijikelizise!

“Zing-star wam! Awusemdala sele
uzakuba ngutishala.”



UMama undivumela ukuba
ndikhethe elona qatha
likhulu lenyama yenkukhu.
Uqale aphakele mna.

Ndinxuza isonka sam
esimnandi emhluzini nditsho
ngoncumo olugoso.
Ingathi alusafiki usuku lwam
lokuzalwa olulandelayo!





