

Story

Bushbuck's visitor

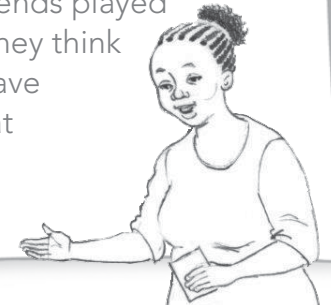
Once upon a time there was a Bushbuck and he lived in a little house made of sticks. Bushbuck always left his door open when he went out. One day Bushbuck went out to the river to drink some water and he left his door open. He was walking back to his house when he noticed that his door was closed. Bushbuck was worried and he said in his quiet Bushbuck voice, "Who is in my house?" He listened and waited. Somebody answered in a deep voice, "Do not open the door or I will eat you!" Bushbuck was very frightened.

Bushbuck ran to find his friend Elephant. He found Elephant standing under a tree, swinging his trunk like this. Bushbuck said, "Elephant, Elephant, can you help me?" Elephant replied, "Yes, my friend, what's the matter?" "There's someone in my house and he says he's going to eat me," said Bushbuck.

So Elephant and Bushbuck went back to the house. Elephant walked in his slow Elephant way. Bushbuck ran in his quick, jumpy Bushbuck way. When they got back to the house, Elephant said in his slow Elephant voice, "Who is in Bushbuck's house?" The deep voice answered, "Do not open the door or I will eat you!"

"Mmmmm, I don't want to go inside your house," said Elephant. "Oh my!" said Bushbuck. "Who can help us?" Elephant and Bushbuck looked at each other and they both said, "Let's go and call our brave friend, Lion." They found Lion, fast asleep in the warm sun. Elephant called to Lion, "Lion, Lion, can you help us?" Lion said, "Yes, my friend, what's the matter?" "There is somebody in Bushbuck's house and he says he is going to eat us," said Elephant. Lion threw back his head and

When you read this story for the second and third time and discuss it with the children, you will find there are many opportunities to discuss the emotions and motivation of the characters in the story. Why does Bushbuck go to fetch Elephant? Why do Bushbuck and Elephant go to fetch Lion? You can discuss friendship. What do the children think about the joke that Frog played on his friends? Have their friends played a trick like that on them? What do they think about the help Elephant and Lion gave Bushbuck? Do they have friends that would help them even when it was scary?



roared. Then he got up and walked to Bushbuck's house in his proud, Lionish way.

When he got to the house, he said in his loud, angry voice, "Who is in Bushbuck's house?" Again, the voice said, "Do not open the door or I will eat you!" Lion roared and said, "What? Eat me, the King of the animals?" Then there was a little scuffling noise like this and a little giggling noise like this.

Then the door opened slowly and Frog hopped out with a big smile on his face. "Surprise! Surprise! It's only me," said Frog. Everyone laughed and Elephant said, "I am the biggest, but Lion, you are the bravest!"

Bushbuck said, "Thank you, thank you for your help, my good friends."

And that is the end of the story.