

Story The green dress

One day, Mr and Mrs Madiswa were making breakfast in the kitchen. Sam was in his bedroom getting dressed for school. He put on his grey shorts, white shirt, grey socks and black shoes. Zinzi walked into the bedroom.

Sam said, "Zinzi, you can't go to school in your pyjamas! Where is your school dress? Hurry up or we will be late!"

Zinzi looked worried. She said, "Sam, I can't find my green dress."

Where is it? Zinzi and Sam looked under the bed.

Where is it? They looked behind the door.

But they could not find the green dress. Poor Zinzi! She was so sad, she started to cry.

Just then Zinzi and Sam heard a soft noise: "Ruff ruff". The children listened carefully. "What is that? It sounds like Spot. Where is he?" Zinzi said.

"Shhhh! Let's listen again." They listened carefully and heard: "Ruff ruff". Sam said, "That is Spot! But where is Spot?"

They listened again: "Ruff ruff." The sound came from the cupboard. Zinzi ran to the cupboard. She opened the door.

There was Spot in the cupboard. He was lying on Zinzi's dress! Zinzi picked up Spot and hugged him. She was very happy.

Sam picked up Zinzi's green dress and shook it like this.

Zinzi quickly put on her dress. Then they waved to Mrs Madiswa, and Mr Madiswa walked them to school.

When they got to school, the principal said, "Zinzi and Sam, why are you late?"

And that is the end of the story.

Tell the story in a lively way to keep the children's attention. Do actions, use the props and tell the story in different voices. Ask questions such as: "Do you come to school in your pyjamas?". Ask the children: "Can you tell the principal why Zinzi and Sam were late?" Help the children to retell parts of the story about the dress, praise and repeat even the simplest answers. For example: "Yes, that's right. They were late because Zinzi couldn't find her green dress. Then they heard Spot barking and found him in the cupboard. He was lying on the green dress!"

