

THE DIAMOND EGG



Naphiri, Namaleza and Nachiletso were triplets of Mr and Mrs Ngozo of Tadala village. The girls were strong and good looking.

One day the three girls went to a river to bath while they were happily shouting and enjoying themselves. Suddenly they heard a noise of a strong wind blowing towards the river. It stopped abruptly and the girls kept enjoying themselves until they got tired.

Namaleza asked her sisters to stay and bask in the golden sand of the river. But one of the girls was afraid as she walked by the river. She told her sisters to fill their pails with water before they dressed to go home. As Namaleza was picking up her clothes, she saw a diamond egg dropping down from the sky. She was surprised as she did not know where the egg had come from.

Naphiri and Nachiletso told Namaleza to throw it away as they thought the egg will bring bad luck to her family. Namaleza refused and pocketed the egg in her school uniform.

Nachiletso told her parents about the diamond egg. The mother came out of the house wailing that the diamond egg must be thrown away immediately. It was hard for Namaleza to throw away the egg that she loved. Instead she hid the egg in an empty kraal behind their house. She went to sleep.

At midnight Namaleza and her parents heard the sound of cows, goats and sheep in the empty kraal. As they went to see what was happening, they saw that there was a very big herd of cows, a flock of goats and sheep.

There were all surprised. Namaleza explained what he had done by hiding the egg near the kraal. When her father asked her to fetch it, the diamond egg was nowhere to be seen. The egg had hatched the animals they saw in their kraal.

The family praised Namaleza for keeping the diamond egg. It had brought a great fortune to the family. The family lived happily as they became rich overnight through the diamond egg.

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Moral of the story:

- Sometimes it takes courage to do things which benefits everyone.
- Are there right things that you did that your parents realised later that they were important?
- Culturally, people believe that strange things bring misfortune. In your own culture, does this happen?