



First stage

# kofi and the great big goat

## Who can use this book?

Average readers classes 4 & 5.

## How can it be used best?

Read and show to two and three year olds.

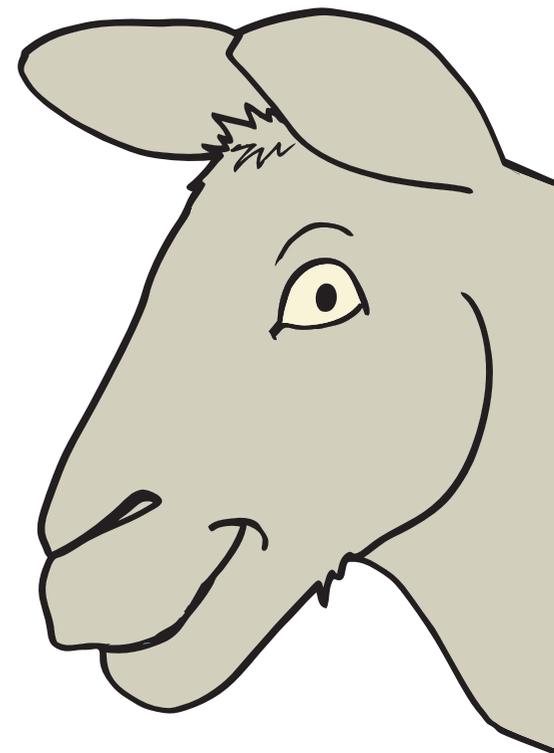
Play games.

## How does it help children to develop?

Children learn and practise comparisons.

Develops imagination.

Fun to read and talk about the pictures.



## a hanging library book

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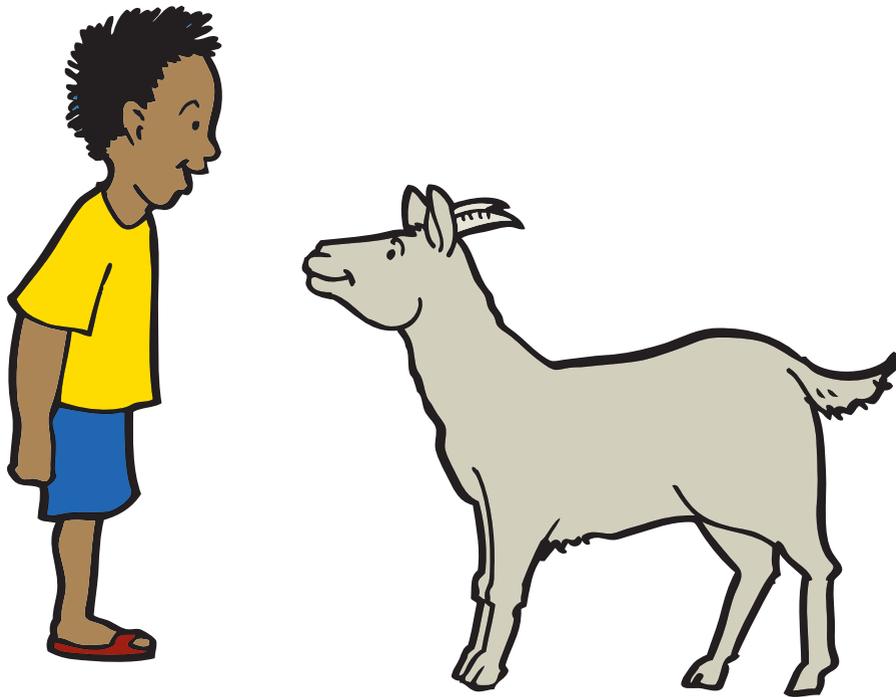


READING IS THE KEY TO LEARNING

Kofi was in the yard. So was the goat.

He looked at the goat. The goat looked at him.

'He's a big goat,' said Kofi.



They can either name and show the things such as:

BIG TRUCK to LITTLE BICYCLE, or

KITCHEN POTS on our shelf

or arrange them in an order (which is often easier for smaller children).

### **3. My great big friend... my tiny little friend:**

making a story together

(for three to four year olds)

Tell the three and four year olds that you have a pretend friend who is very, very big and another who is very, very small They are both kind people but they find it difficult to live in our world.

Make a story together about how we can help them to find:

places to sleep...

food to eat ...

friends to play with.

# Some more games from Kofi

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## 1. Finding opposites

(for two to four year olds)

Ask the younger children to come up with as many opposites as they can. Show me:

A TALL man and a SHORT woman

A BIG house and a SMALL house

A LONG path and a SHORT path

Who can think of most?

Who can find pairs with the biggest difference between them: like BIG DON and LITTLE ANNA?

A VERY HIGH Tree which has stood for many years and A VERY LOW tree that you could easily step on.

## 2. Arranging things in order

(for three and four year olds)

Ask the younger children to see how many things they can show you that are arranged in order from:

LONG to SHORT

HIGH to LOW

FAT to THIN (or wide to narrow)

HEAVY to LIGHT

BRAVE to FRIGHTENED

Auntie was sitting in the yard. She looked at Kofi looking at the goat.

'He's as big as you,' she said, 'but when I was young I lived a long way away at the top of a hill, and I had a goat who was much bigger. He was a great big goat. Your goat is smaller.'

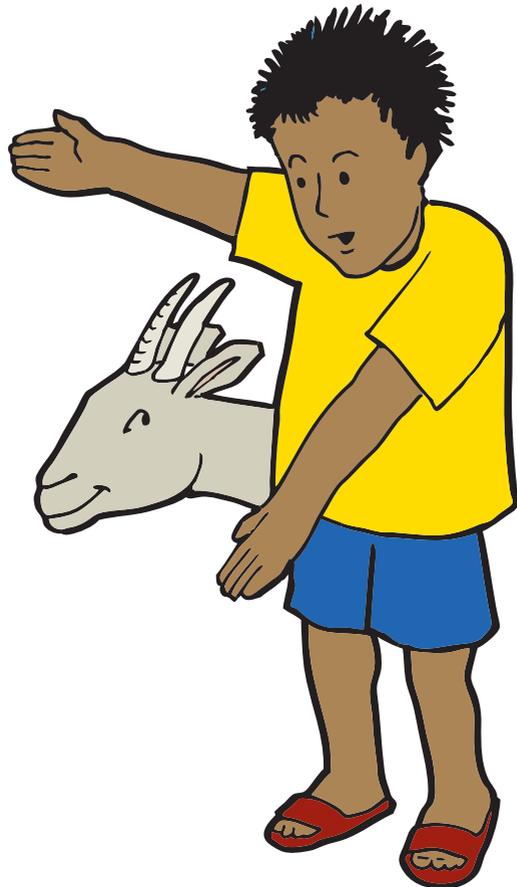
'No,' said Kofi, 'our goat is the biggest goat.'



Auntie smiled. 'My goat had horns that were longer than your arms,' she said.

'So has our goat,' said Kofi. 'Look.'

And he stretched, but the goat's horns were shorter than his arms.



Kofi looked at the goat, and he looked at Auntie. His goat was big but Auntie's goat was bigger and braver. It could jump higher and its horns were longer. It really was a great big goat.

Auntie looked very pleased, and she smiled a secret smile.



When Kofi went to bed he dreamt of visiting the great big goat sitting on his hill a long way away, but he didn't know how to get there. He'd have to ask Auntie in the morning.

'My goat was braver than a lion,' said Auntie.

'So is our goat,' said Kofi. 'Look.'

And he roared at the goat, but it ran away  
and hid behind Auntie.



'My goat was taller than I am,' said Auntie.

'So is our goat,' said Kofi. 'Look.'

And he took her hand and made her stand next  
to the goat, but it was much shorter.



My goat could jump higher than a house,'  
laughed Auntie.

'So can our goat,' said Kofi. 'Look.'  
He pushed the goat and shouted, 'Jump!'

It just went and stood under the bush,  
which was much lower than the house.



My goat was wider than a door,' Auntie giggled.

'So is our goat,' said Kofi. 'Look.'

And he took the goat and led it to the door, but it  
walked straight through. It was much too thin.

