

WHERE DO BABIES COME FROM?

Teaching sensitive issues: Our pupils come to school with many different ideas from different sources. Listen here to how two girls try to find an answer to their question: Where do babies come from?

SCENE 1: MARKET/MAMA ADJUA'S SHOP

SFX: DISTANT TRAFFIC, HAWKERS HWKING.
CHILDREN PLAYING

MUNIRA: So Adua, shey you go come for Rasheeda birthday party next tomorrow?

ADJUA I go come, Munira....i wish say I can have baby in our house too

MUNIRA: maybe you can get one...do you know where babies come from?

MUNIRA: I think mummies go and pick baby from the bush...then she go swallow them and bring them out again in hospital

ADJUA How will you talk like this Munira? Mummies buy babies from hospital now.

MUNIRA: it's lie...okay, let us go ask your mama and my mummy?

SFX FOOTSTEPS AS THEY BOTH RUN ALONG.

SFX SOUND OF MATERIALS BEING FOLDED

MAMA ADJUA Ok o customer, make you come again o...ah
Munira, Adjua, have you finish playing?

ADJUA Mummy we want ask you something...where
babies dey come from? I want to know.

MAMA ADJUA Em..babies....babies come from God

MUSIC BRIDGE

SCENE 2: FATI'S SHOP

SFX: MARKET AMBIENCE

FATI: Ah ah Munira why do you want to know?

MUNIRA: please mummy tell us now.

FATI: (SIGHS) Babies are expressions of love.

MUNIRA: really mummy, how?

FATI: your mummy and daddy show their love for
each other which forms a little baby....but the baby
is too small then and stays in mummy's stomach
to grow...and after nine months the nurse in the
hospital help mummy to bring the baby out.

- MUNIRA: thank you Mummy
- FATI Ah customer come now...I have fresh tomatoes.....
- MUNIRA [IN HUSHED VOICE] but Adjua, your mummy say babies come from God
- ADJUA And now your mummy says mummies and daddies make the babies...I am confused
- MUNIRA Me too...which of them is lying?
- MUSIC BRIDGE
- END

Our role as teachers is to assist pupils in making sense of what is around them and develop their ideas and understanding of the world(towards the accepted understandings). How would you suggest that Munira and Adjua’s teacher helps to deal with the girls’ confusion?

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