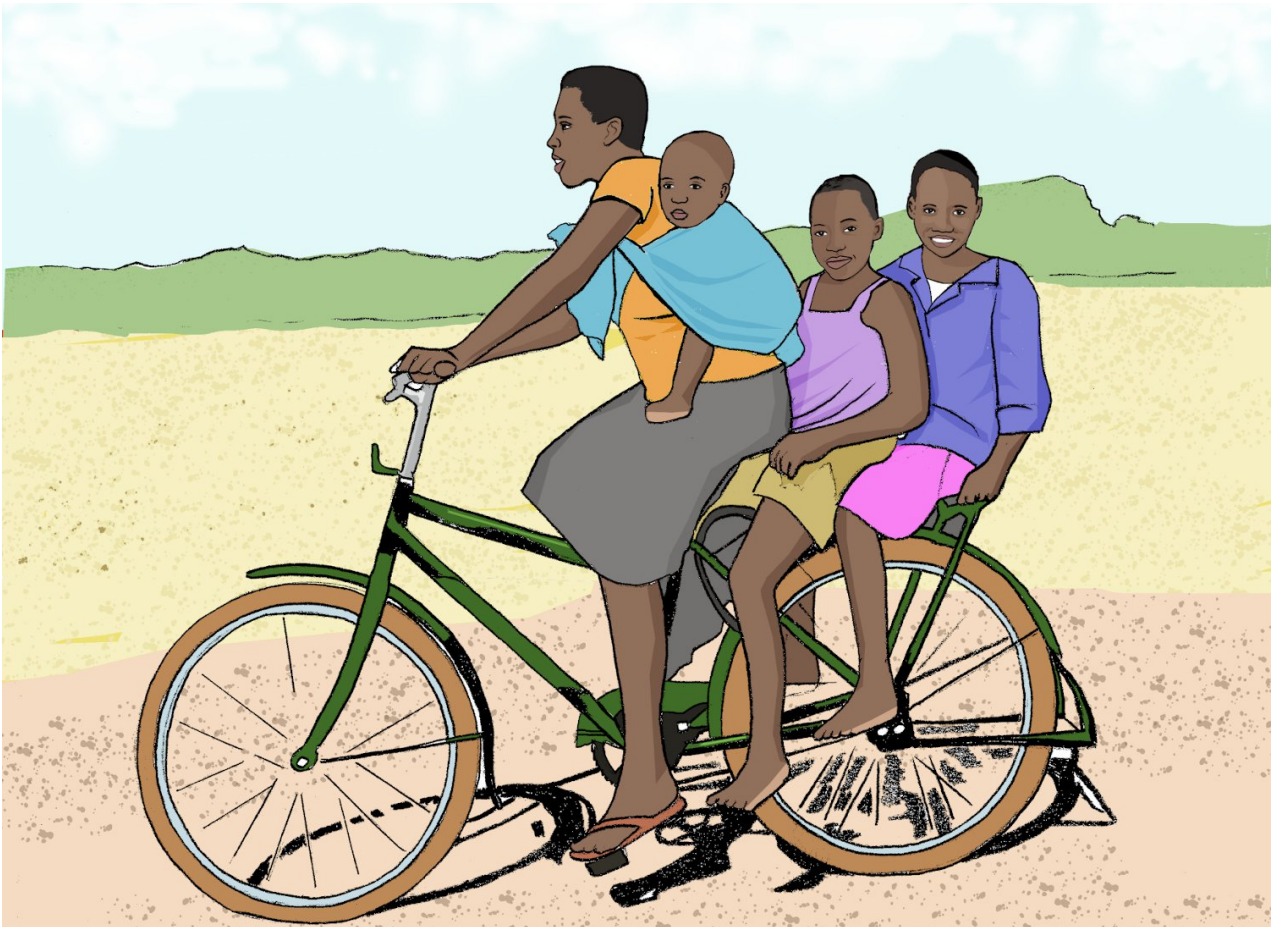


3. Mending a bike

Talk about these questions.

- What are people in the picture doing?
- What problem could there be with four people on a bike?
- Have you ever ridden a bike?
- Would you like to learn to ride a bike?

Read the story and answer the questions.



One day Patience was cycling home from the market in the nearest town. Her son Masimba was on her back, and her sister Princess and her sister's friend Zodwa were on the back of the bike. They were sitting on a small rack for carrying things.

Suddenly there was a strange noise.

"We're falling off!" shouted Princess.

Patience stopped the bike and looked behind. The rack for carrying things was broken. Princess and Zodwa were sitting on the back wheel.

"There's a bike repair place near here," said Patience. "We can go there."

At the bike repair place, a young woman called Bongani looked at the bike.

"The carrying rack is broken, and the back tyre has a puncture," she said. "I can fix the puncture, but not the carrying rack. I haven't got another one here. You two girls were too heavy to sit on it!"

"OK," said Patience. "Please fix the puncture. Then we'll walk back. Princess and Zodwa can't ride on the back of the bike now."

"I also sell bikes," said Bongani.

"Thanks, but we can't afford one now," said Patience.

"You've got an interesting job," said Zodwa.

"Yes," said Bongani. "I started fixing bikes for a project for giving bicycles to school children. Now I've got my own shop."

Answer the questions.

1. How many people were on the bike?
2. Why were they on the bike?
3. Why was there a strange noise?
4. Why did the carrying rack break?
5. Why couldn't Bongani fix the carrying rack?
6. What did Bongani fix?
7. Why did Bongani start fixing bikes?



Match the words with the parts of a bike.

front wheel
back wheel
carrying rack
basket
handlebars
pedals
saddle
frame

