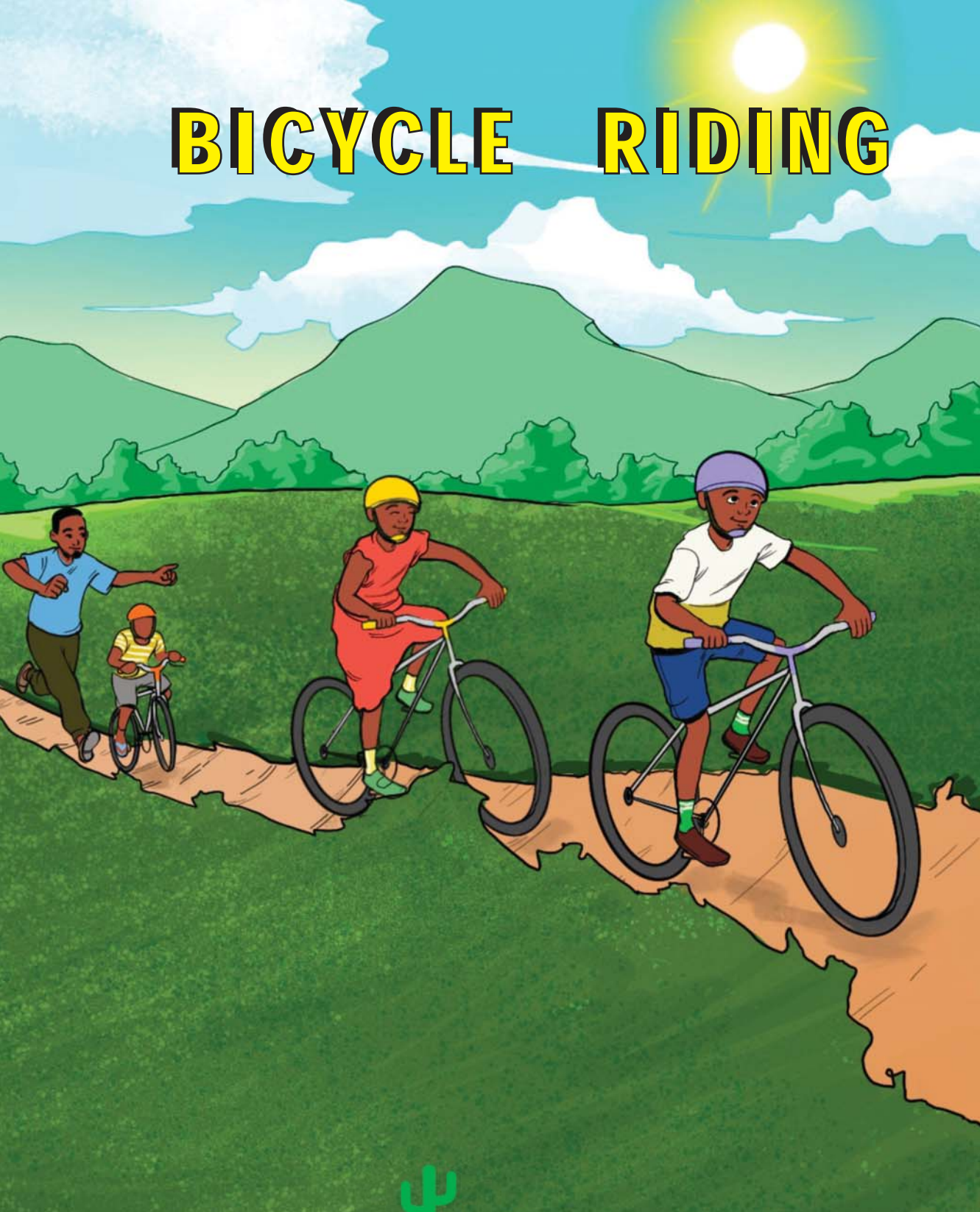


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In March 2020, there was a lockdown in order to prevent CORONAVIRUS spread and all schools closed. Mucyo, Mwiza and Gad stayed home for a long time, felt lonely and tired of only studying and sleeping. Therefore, they asked their parents to buy them bicycles.



A couple of days later, their father came home very happy. He called them and told them that he had the money to buy their bicycles. The children were very happy to hear that.



Their mother also came in and said they had enough money to buy a bicycle for each one of them. The three children were very happy and thanked their parents.



The following day, Mucyo, Mwiza and Gad's father went to buy the bicycles. He came back with three colourful bicycles and three helmets. The children ran towards him to see the bicycles. They were very excited.





The children saw that each bicycle and helmet had a different colour from the others. It was easy to know whose bicycle it was. The colours of the helmets were matching the colours of the bicycles.



The children decided to create a new time table to fix in time to ride their new bicycles. From Monday to Friday, they would start studying from 9:00 am to 11:00 am then practice riding bicycles from 11:00 am to 12:00 am. After lunch, they would rest for an hour. On their timetable, there was also time for revising their lessons and time for helping their mother in different house chores. On Saturdays, they would ride the whole morning with the help of their parents.



The day they liked most was Saturdays. They rode the whole morning with their father behind them to teach and support them. Each and everyone of them enjoyed it.



Their father decided to run after them, to see if they could ride uphill and downhill. The children rode their bicycles faster and were excited to show their father that his teaching was fantastic.



When the children were done with riding, they were tired and thirsty. They drank water from their bottles. They felt refreshed after drinking the water. They were very happy that they had ridden the bicycles uphill and downhill without any accidents.



Since they started riding their bicycles, Mucyo, Mwiza and Gad began doing much better in their online class activities. They remembered what their teachers used to tell them that, “work and play make children stronger and brighter.”





Mucyo, Mwiza and Gad learnt to ride bicycles during the lockdown. They were happy when their father bought them new and colourful bicycles.