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# Read Aloud Story 2

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## Jabulani's new shoes

I am Jabulani.

I am seven years old. I am in Grade 1. I am new at school.

My father got me new shoes for school.

My new shoes are black and shiny. My new shoes have nice long laces. I like my new shoes.

But I have a problem. I can't tie my shoe laces.

I asked my granny to tie my shoe laces. She said she was too busy cooking to help me tie my shoe laces.

I asked my sister to tie my shoe laces. She said she was too sleepy to help me tie my shoe laces.

I asked my brother to tie my shoe laces. He said his hands were too dirty to help me tie my shoe laces.

I went to ask my mother to tie my shoe laces. But she had gone to work.

I went to ask my father to tie my shoe laces. But he had gone to work too.

I asked my friend to tie my shoe laces. He said he can't tie his shoe laces either.

I tried to walk to school with my shoe laces not tied. My new black shiny shoes kept slipping off. My feet hurt. Other children laughed at me.

Then I saw Sipho. Sipho is in Grade 2. Sipho saw that my shoes were slipping off. He saw what my problem was. He saw that my shoe laces were not tied. He stopped and tied my shoe laces for me. He walked with me to school. My shoes did not slip off. My feet did not hurt. My feet felt good in my new black shiny shoes.

When I am in Grade 2 I want to be like Sipho.