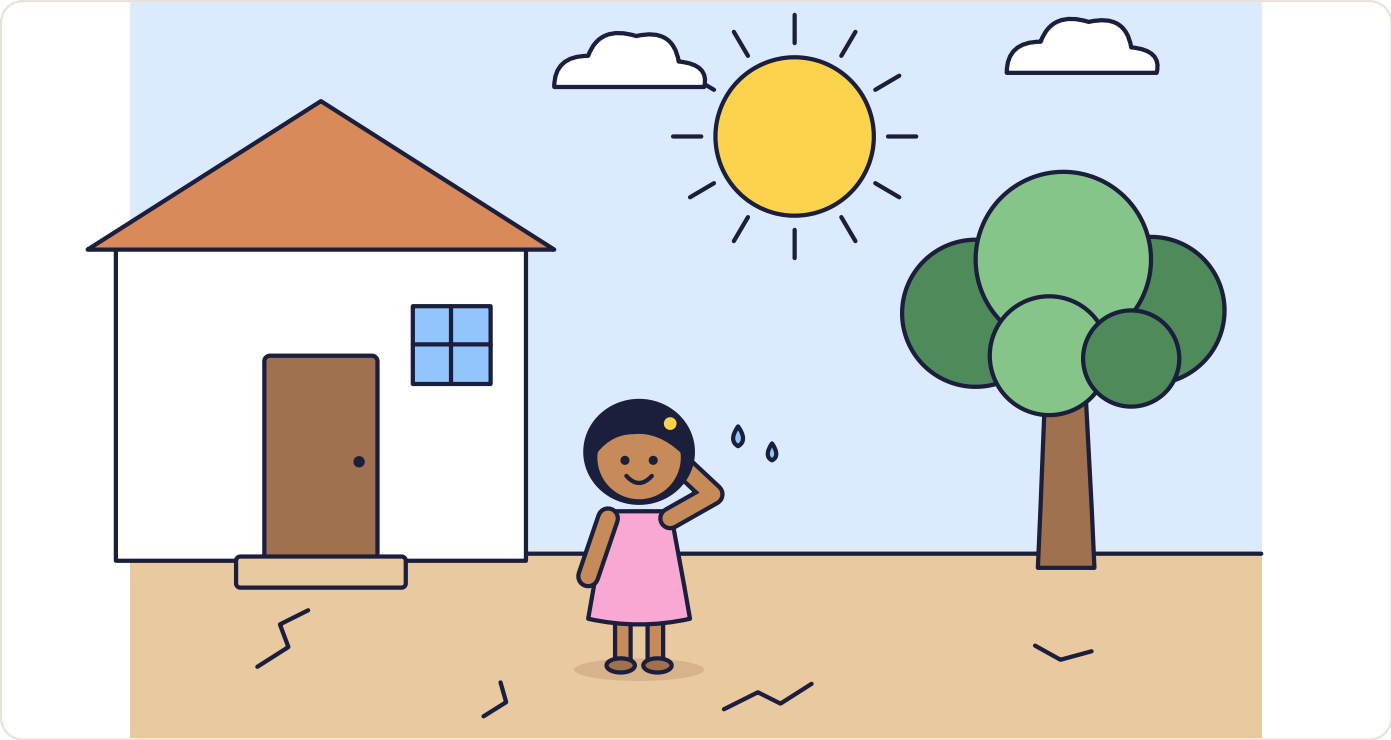
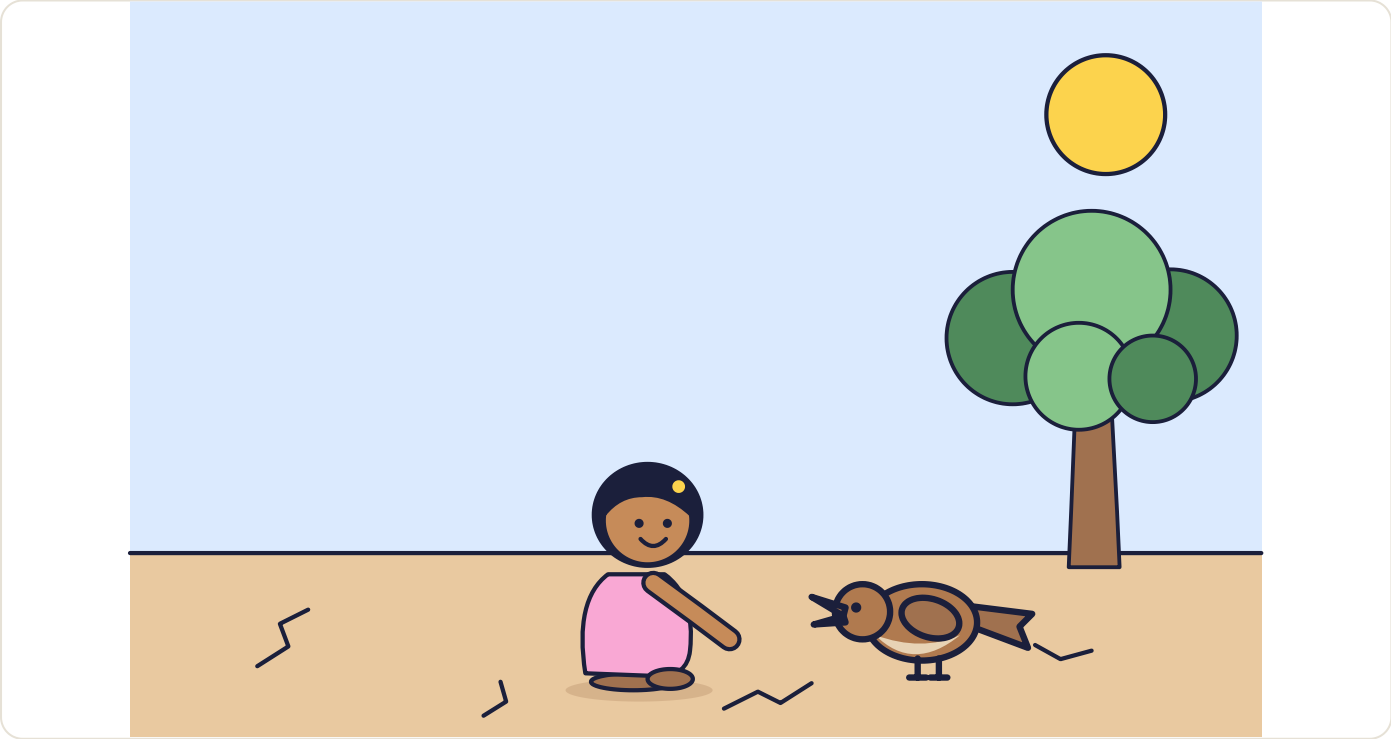
Ammu and the Thirsty Sparrow

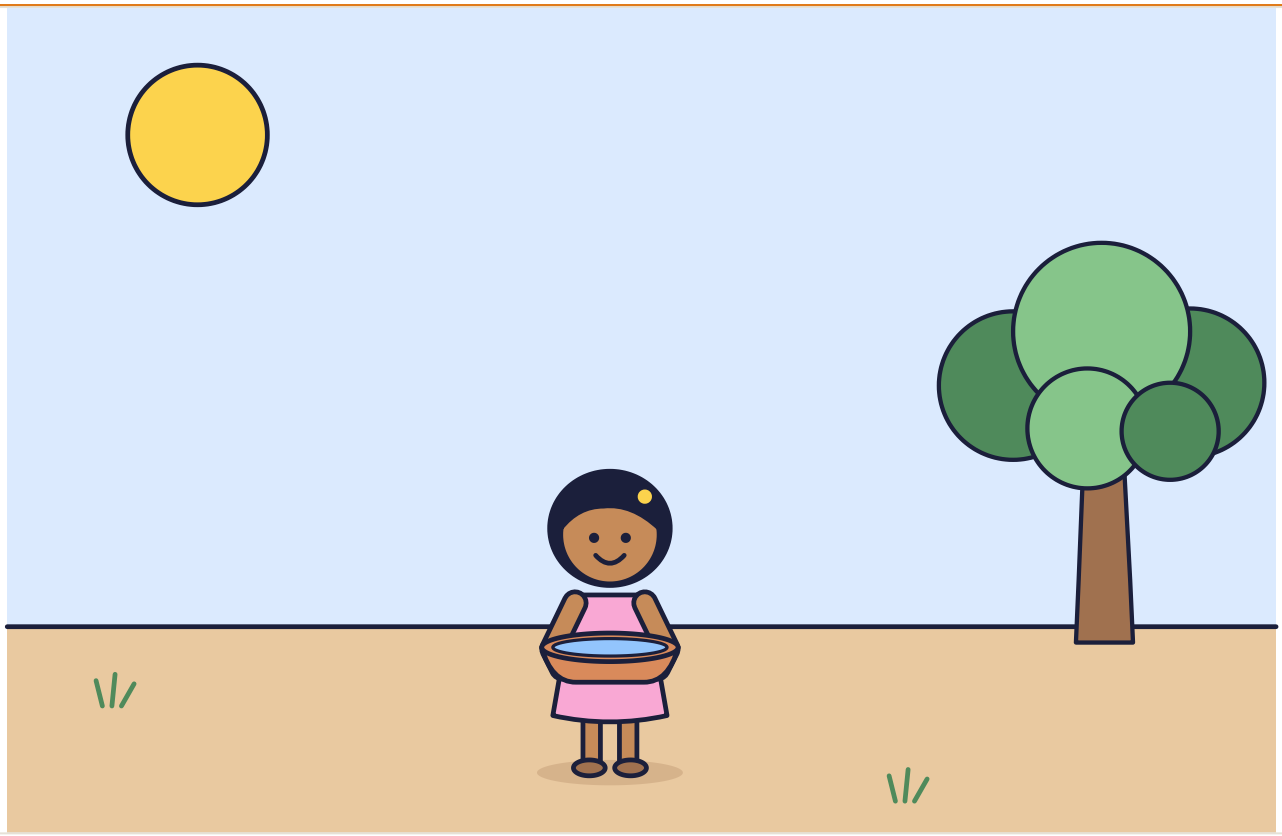
An ACES picture story · read it together



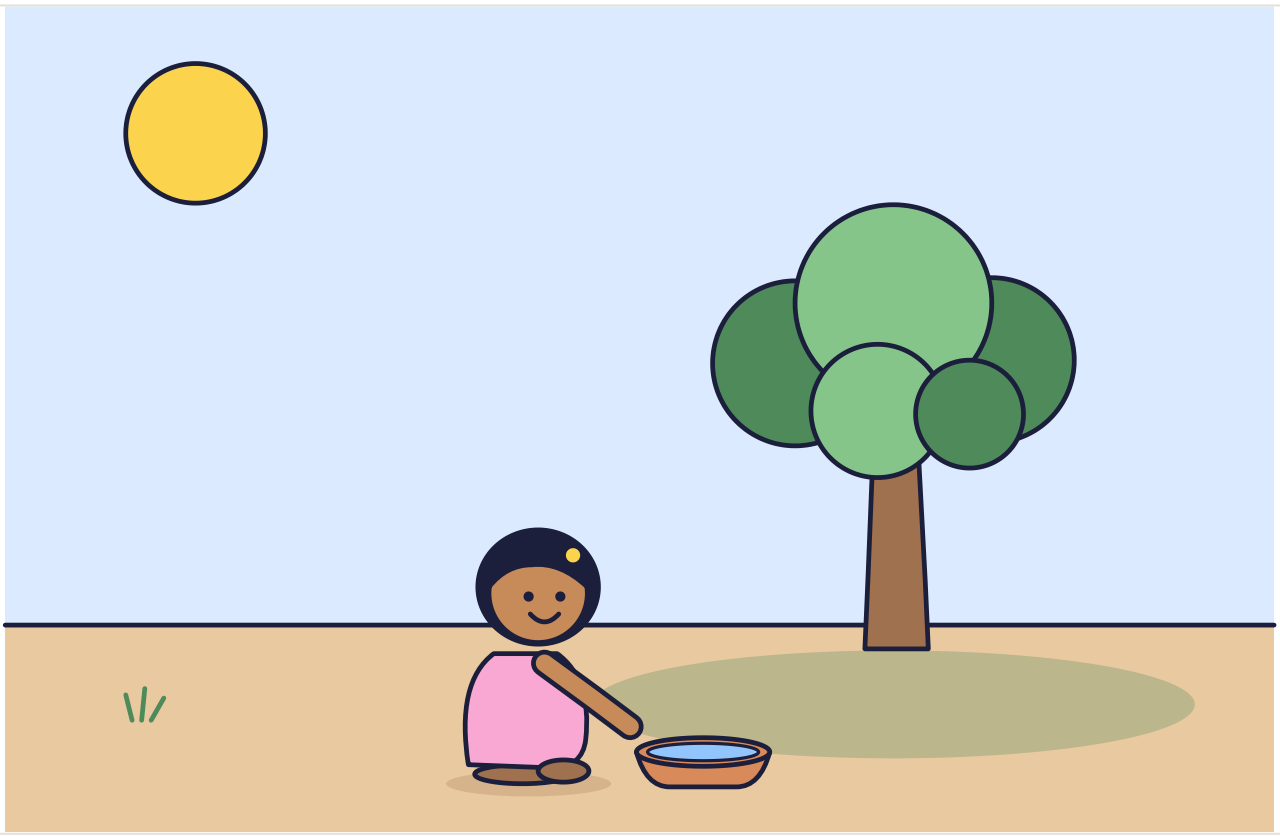
It was a hot summer day. The sun was very bright. Ammu stood outside her house. “Phew! It is so hot,” she said.



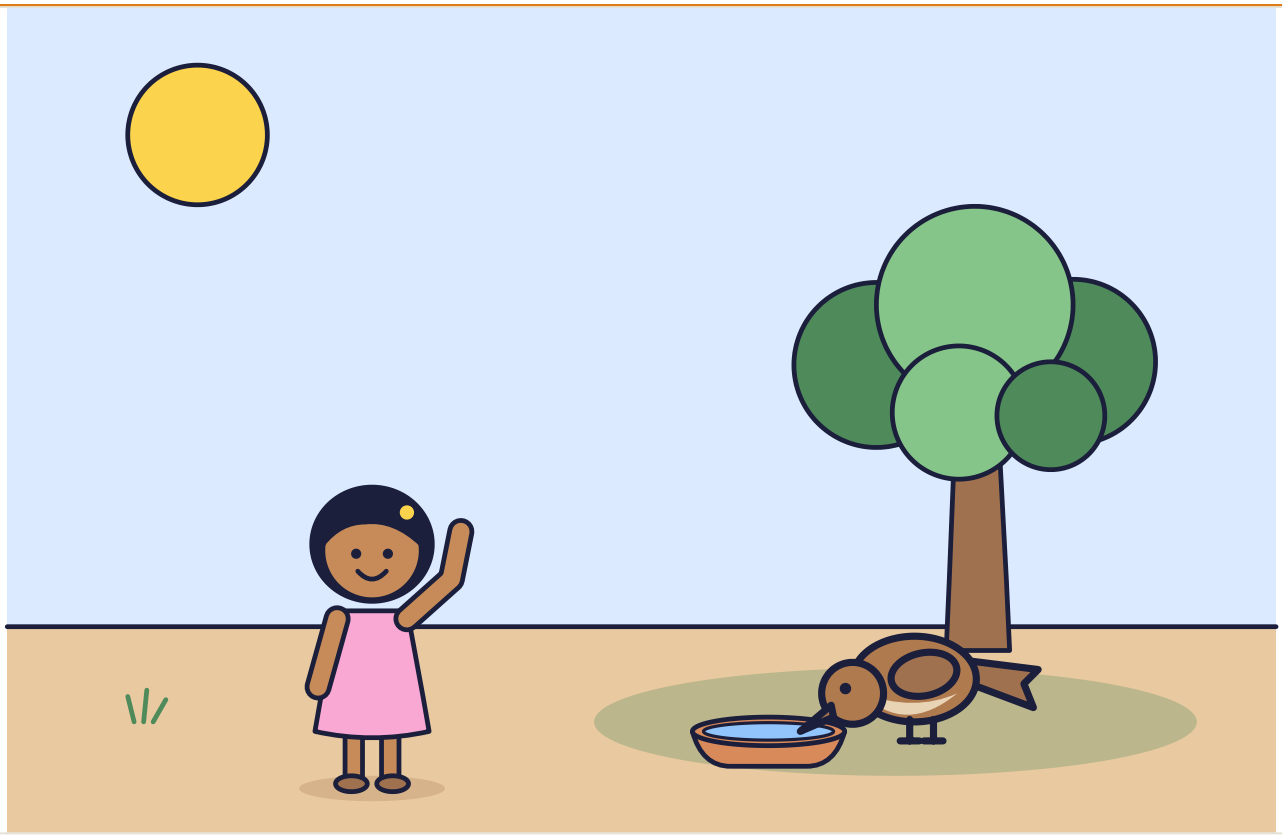
Under the tree, Ammu saw a little sparrow. It sat very still with its beak open. “Poor bird. You are thirsty!” said Ammu.



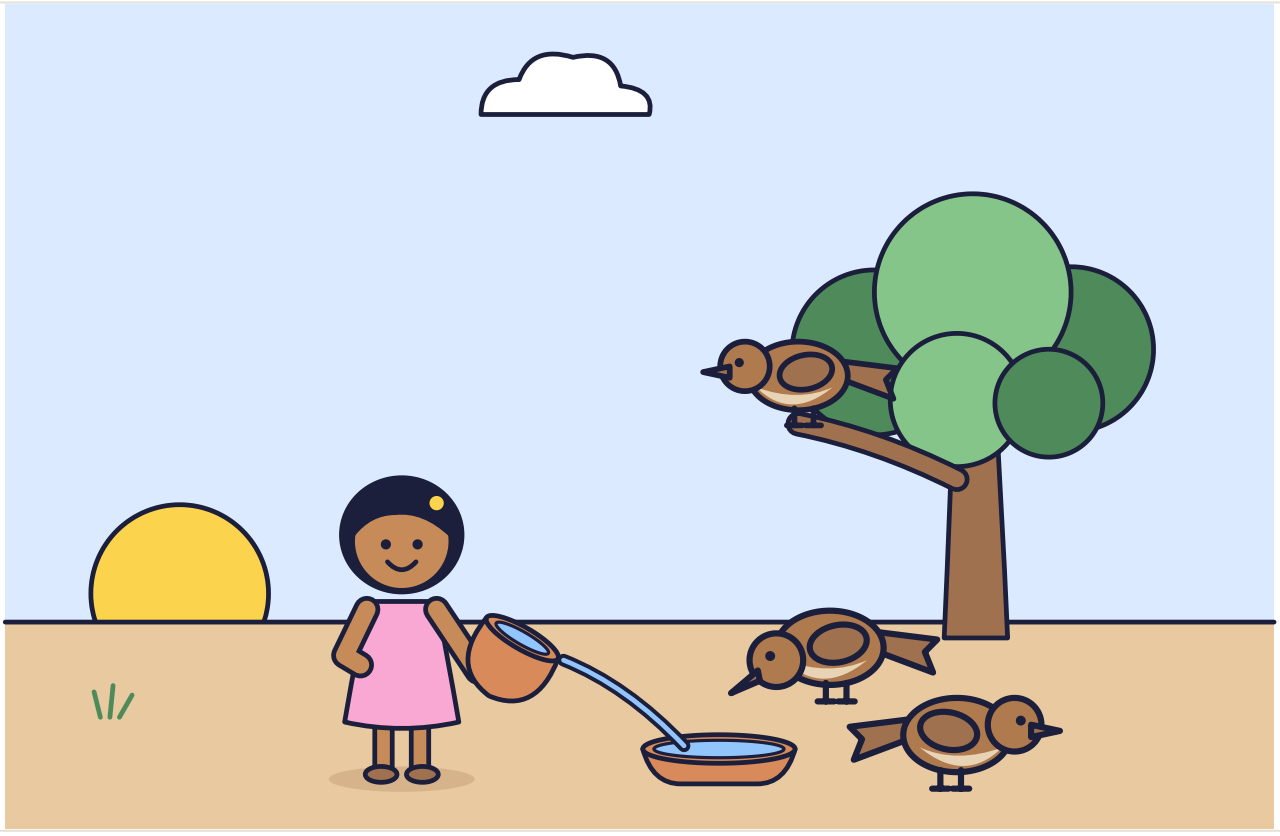
Ammu ran inside. She filled a small clay bowl with cool water. She walked slowly so the water would not spill.



She put the bowl down in the shade of the tree. Then she stepped back, quietly, so the sparrow would not be scared.



Hop, hop, hop. The sparrow came to the bowl. Sip, sip, sip! It drank and drank. Ammu waved and smiled.



The next morning, three sparrows were waiting! Chirp, chirp! Ammu filled the bowl again. Now she does it every day.

Let's talk about the story

1. Why was the little sparrow sitting so still?

2. What did Ammu do to help it?

3. Why did she put the bowl in the shade?

4. How do you think the sparrow felt after drinking?

5. How can **you** help birds on a hot day?

Try this at home: with a grown-up, keep a shallow bowl of clean water in a shady spot where birds can reach it. Change the water every day.

