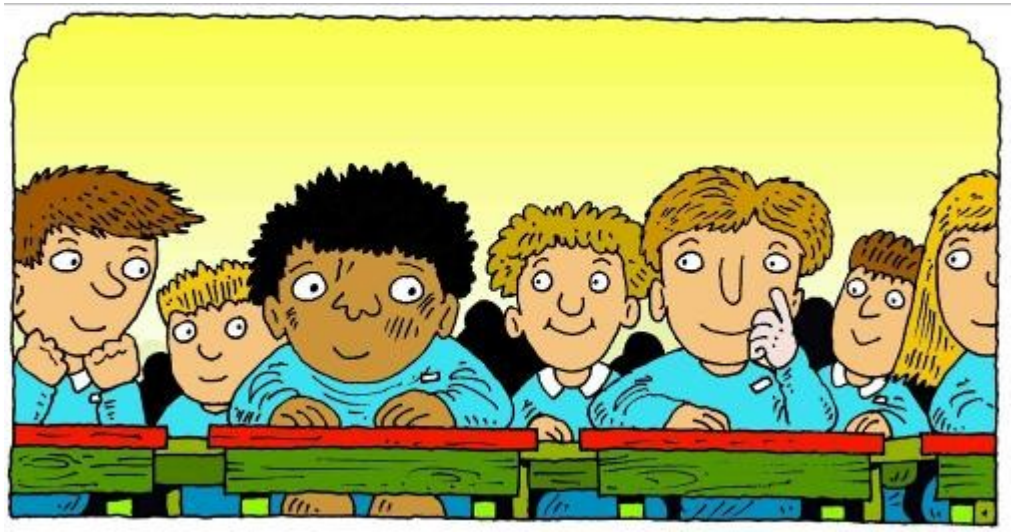

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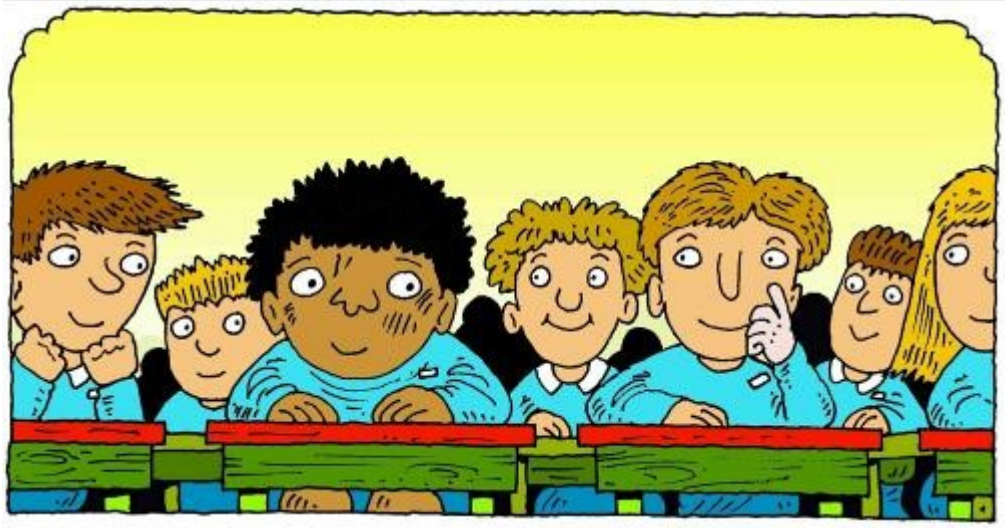

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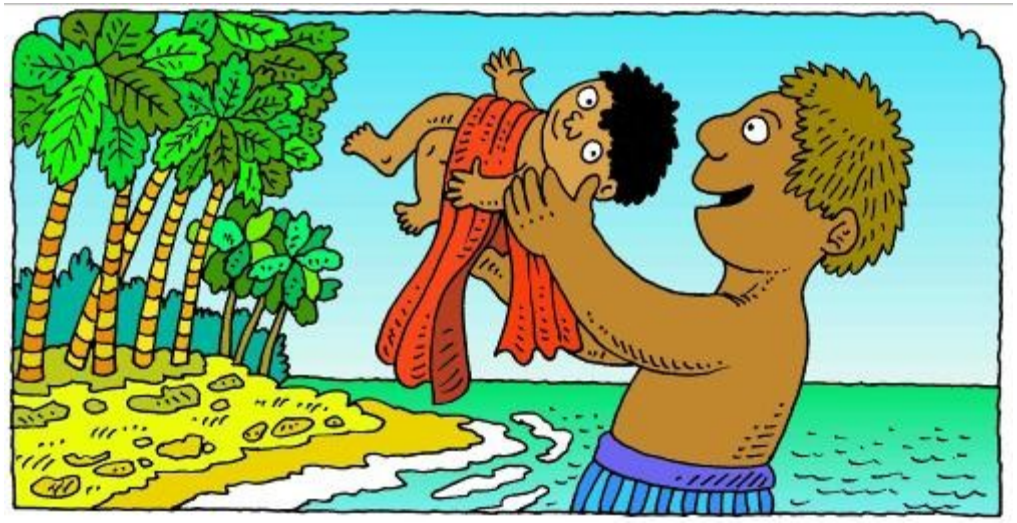

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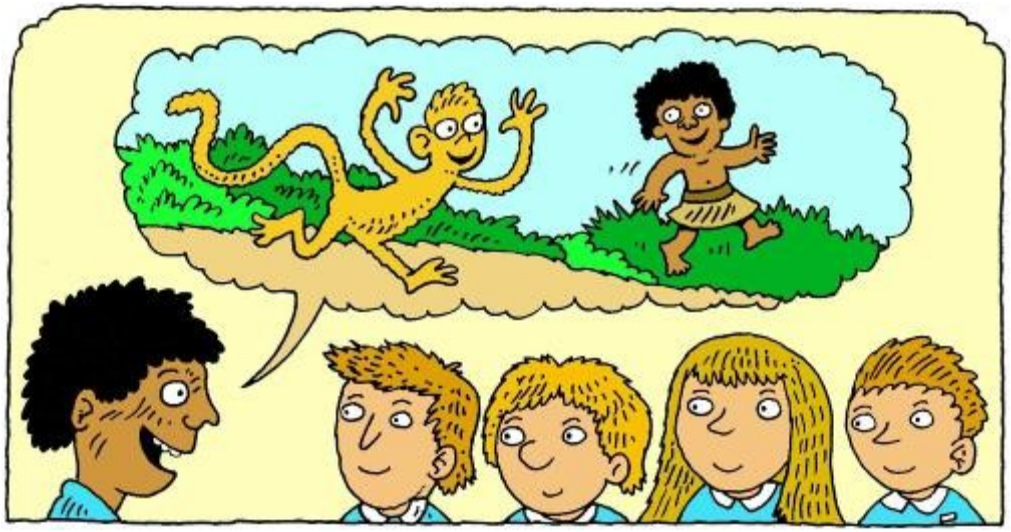

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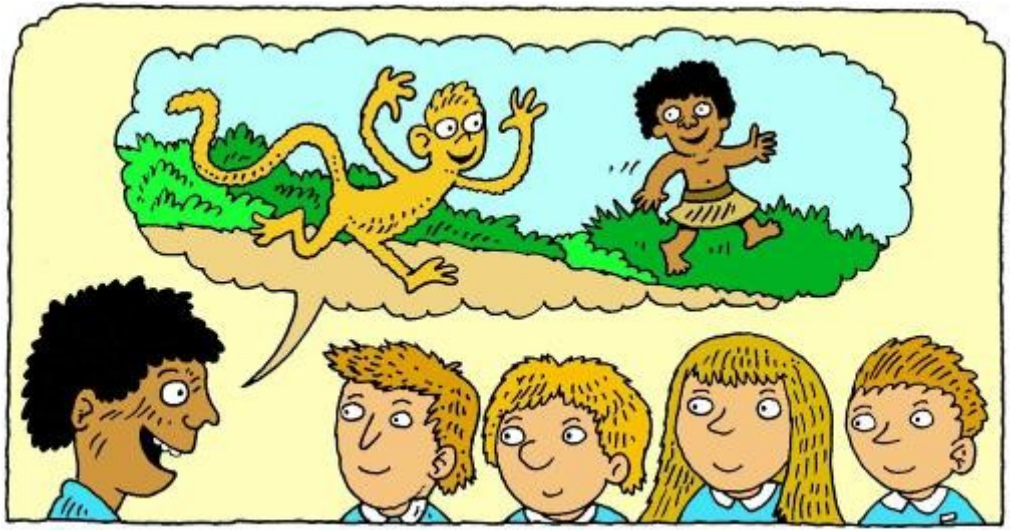

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Suli felt all alone. He asked God to help him to be brave.
He thought about his family and friends at home,
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