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their support during  
hard times.*

Once upon a time there was a young man whose name was Abubakar. He lived in a village called Jama'a.

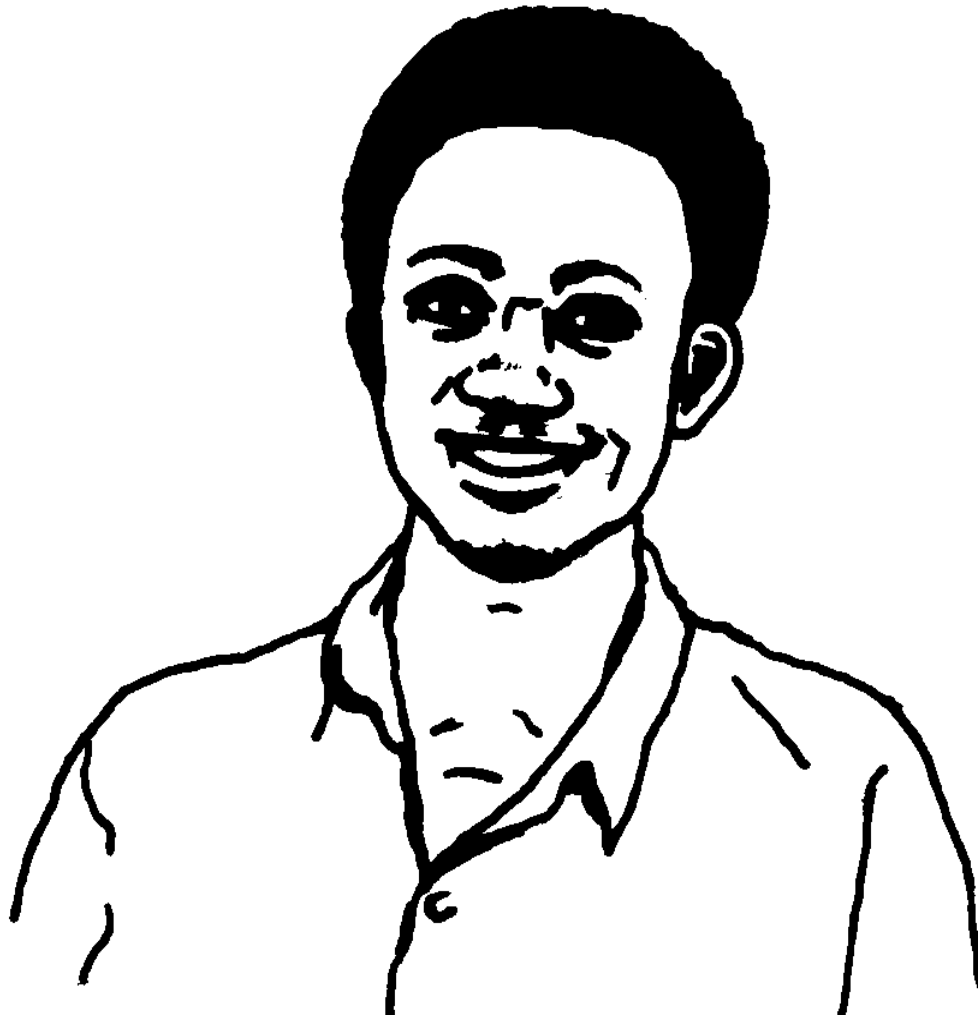


Abubakar's mother was a good woman. She loved her son very much. Abubakar was obedient to his mother.





Abubakar's mother taught him to always be truthful in whatever he did.



The king of Jama'a was very old.  
He had ruled the village for many  
years. The King had no son. He had  
only one daughter.



The king wanted someone to rule  
the village after his death.



He decided to look for a trustworthy young man in the village to marry his daughter. The young man will then become the next king.



One day, the king called all the young men in the village to his palace. They all came to hear what the king had to say.





The king gave each of the young men in the village a seed to plant.



The king asked each young man to plant the seed and bring the germinated plant after two weeks.

The young man whose seed  
produced the best plant was to  
marry the king's lovely daughter.



Three days went by without any sign of the seed germinating. So all the young men, except Abubakar, removed the king's seed and planted the best seeds they could find.



One week later, the new seeds started to germinate. The young men were happy.

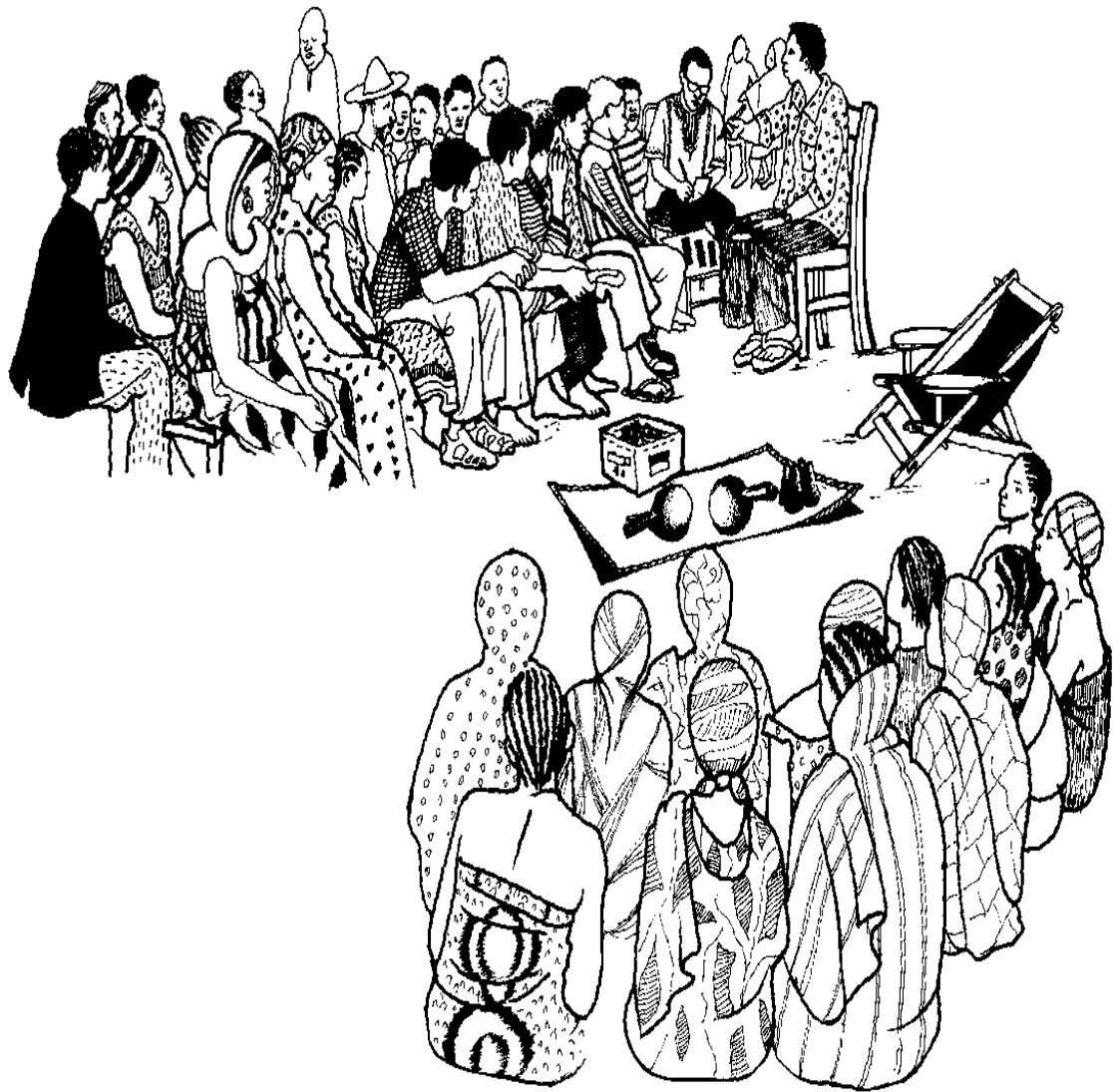




Abubakar was very worried. His seed had not germinated. His mother told him not worry, but to keep watering the seed.



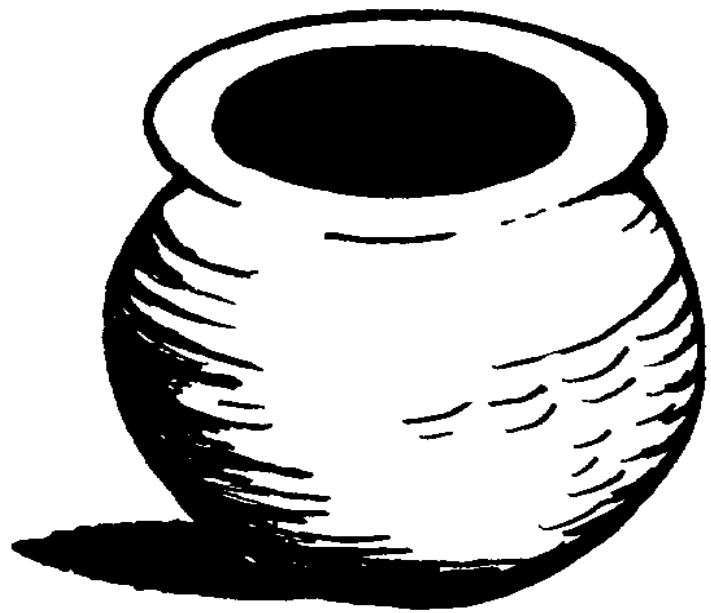
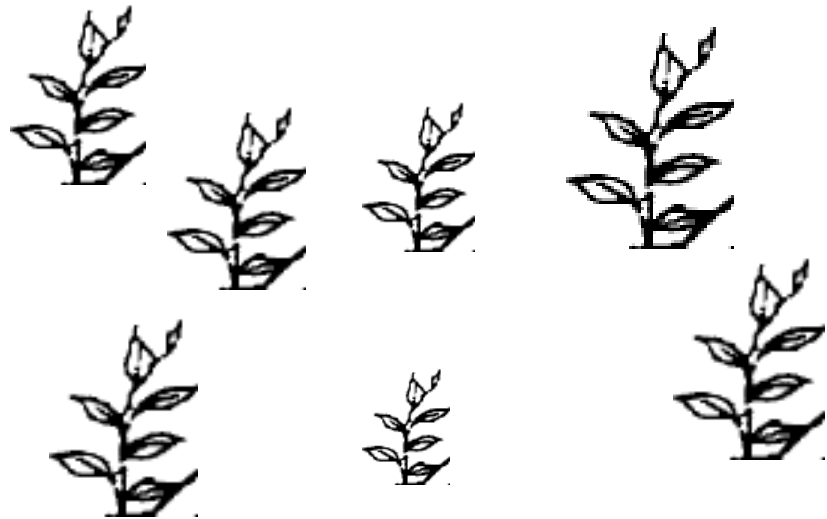
At the end of the two weeks, all the villagers gathered in the king's palace to see who the king would choose to marry his daughter.



Each young man went to the king's palace with a beautiful plant.

Abubakar went with an empty pot.

He hid himself behind the other young men, so that the king would not see him.



The king saw Abubakar and his empty pot. He called him to the front.





Abubakar was afraid, but he came out with his empty pot. The young men and the other villagers laughed at Abubakar and his empty pot.



To everyone's greatest surprise,  
the king said Abubakar was the  
man to marry his daughter.



The king told the villagers that the seeds he gave the young men were cooked. Abubakar was the only truthful young man to bring back the cooked seed.

The king gave Abubakar and his daughter a big wedding ceremony.

All the villagers were happy except the dishonest young men.



Three years later, the king died.  
Abubakar was crowned king and he  
lived happily ever after with his  
family.





## **Check Your Understanding !**

1. What is the name of Abubakar's village?
2. How long has the king ruled the village?
3. What did the king tell the young men to do?
4. Who became the King after the old king died?
5. What did you learn from the story?

