God Helps Those Who Help Themselves
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Pre-reading questions:
• What is your advice for those who do not like to work?
• What are the rewards of hard work? Laziness?

Once upon a time, Bakame and the Leopard were great friends. They lived near each other.

One day, Bakame told the Leopard, “I have found a large field that is very fertile. Let us buy it and share it.”

The Leopard accepted, and they bought it.

The next day, Bakame told the Leopard, “Let us go and cultivate our field.”

“You go alone. Who has the energy to work?” the Leopard answered.
So Bakame went and worked in his field. He planted beans in it. When he finished, he returned to his friend to see if the Leopard had gone to work in his own field, but the Leopard had not.

Bakame continued to look after his beans until they were ready to harvest. He took the crop and collected it in the granary. A few days later, hunger came to the region.
Bakame said to the Leopard, “I told you to work in your field and you refused. Now, if I give you my beans, what will my children and I eat?”

Finally, the Leopard died of hunger because of his laziness.

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