

Take Every Child as Another

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Pre-reading questions:

- How do you treat people who are unkind to you?
- What would you do if you became rich?

Once upon a time, a man and a woman had a child called Rubyogo. Rubyogo was very ugly, so his parents hated him.

When **visitors** and guests came to visit the family, Rubyogo's parents chased him away so that the guests

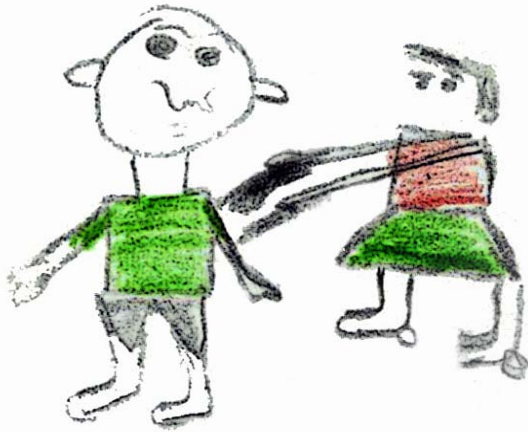


could not see him. One day, when his family sent him to fetch water, they **carried** their things and their other children and left to go live in another village.

When Rubyogo came back from the river, he found nothing and no one in the house. Rubyogo cried and cried and cried!

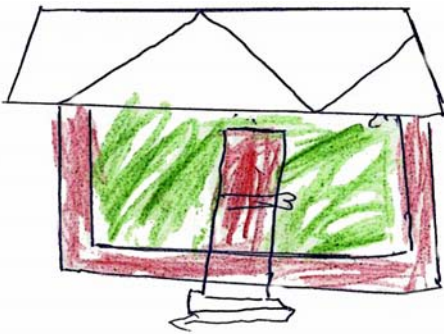
Then he became **silent**. He began a difficult, poor **life**, asking birds and strangers for food to eat. He

spent his nights alone in the house. He lived that life until he became a young man.



One day when Rubyogo was walking, he met an **old man**.

The old man said, “Even though I don’t know you, I know how to fix your problem. Go and dig behind your house, and you will find some **minerals**.”



The young man left quickly and did what the old man had said. He dug behind his house and found gold and silver. He became a very **wealthy** man.

After twenty years, Rubyogo’s parents became very poor in their new home and decided to come back to their village. When they saw Rubyogo, their son, they

recognized him, but they were too afraid and shy to go near him. The young man welcomed them, because he still loved them. His parents asked for his **forgiveness** and decided not to abandon anyone else ever again, especially their children.

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