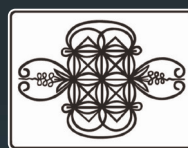


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John lived in the beautiful Eton village, on the eastern part of Efate. He loved to eat bananas, but he didn't like planting banana trees. In his village, young men and women always planted banana suckers in their gardens.



One day, John wanted to cook banana for lunch, but he had no bananas growing in his garden. So, he decided to steal from the villagers' gardens. He'd chosen the same time that the chief had called everyone to a meeting in the Nakamal. He knew everyone would be away from home.







During the meeting, John went to a few gardens and stole some bananas.



After the meeting in the Nakamal ended, the villagers returned home to find their bunches of bananas missing! Trees that were full before were now empty of fruit.

The villagers ran back to the Nakamal and told the chief what had happened.







The chief called everyone back to the Nakamal.

“My friends, I have an idea for how to find the thief,” the chief said. “While everyone else is sleeping, we’ll hide near the banana trees and see if anyone comes to steal from us.”

That night, several villagers waited in their gardens for the thief to come.





The moon shined brightly on the waiting villagers.

Before long, they saw something. John had come back to the gardens to steal more bananas!





One of the men called out, "John! Stop what you're doing!"

The waiting villagers poured out of the bushes and surrounded John, stopping him from stealing any more bananas.





They tied his hands and took him to the Nakamal, where the chief was waiting. The chief spoke to John and made him promise not to steal anymore.

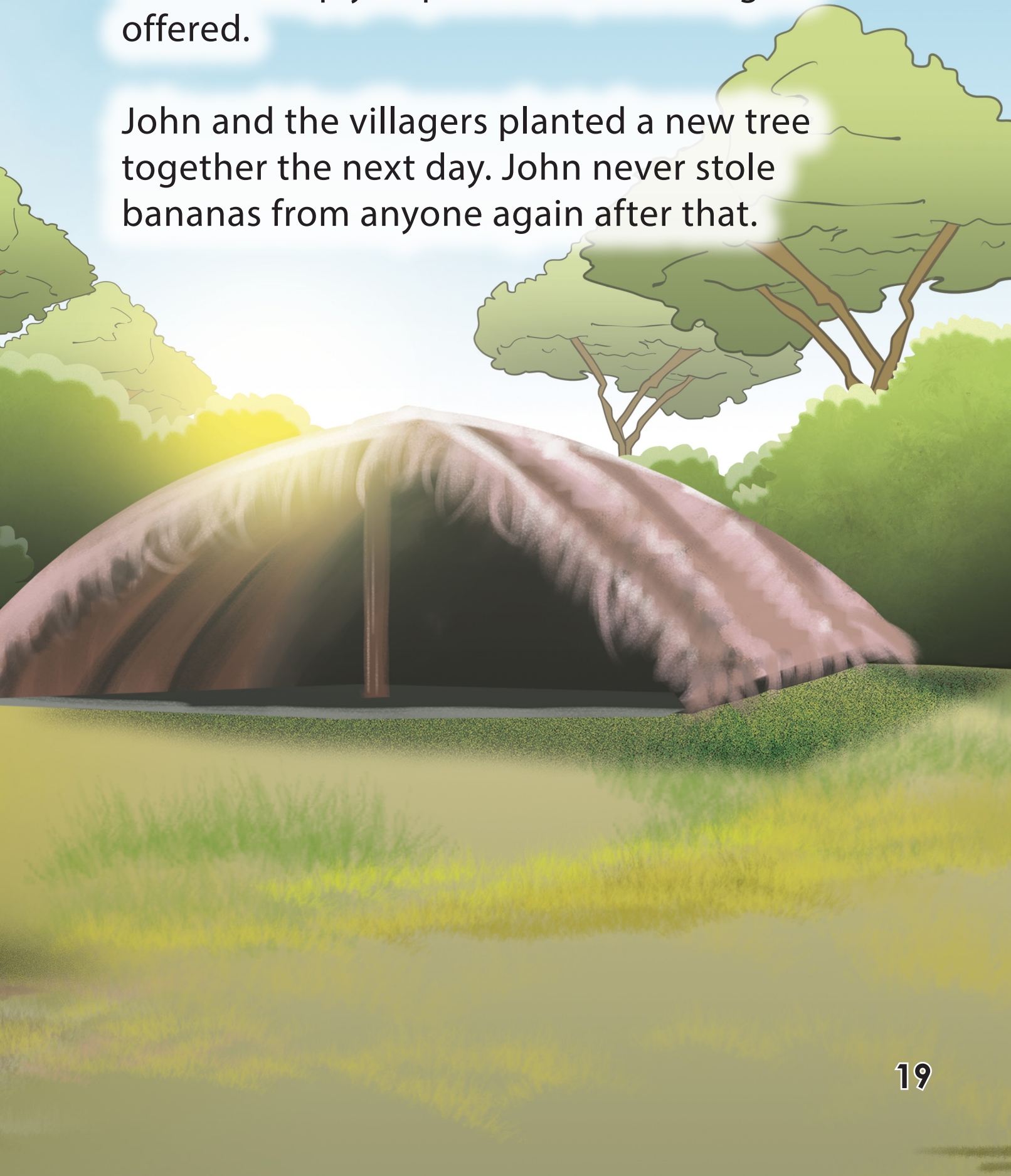




"I don't have a banana tree," John explained, sadly. "That's why I stole from everyone."

"We can help you plant one," the villagers offered.

John and the villagers planted a new tree together the next day. John never stole bananas from anyone again after that.



**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



Why did John steal bananas from the other villagers?



Why does giving John his own banana tree stop him from stealing?



Why does John sneak out at night or when no one is around when he steals the bananas?

Why do you think people sometimes steal things?



Talk to your family about ways that you can prevent theft in your home.

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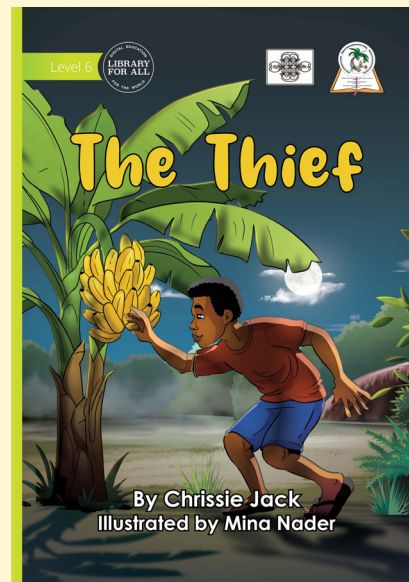
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John doesn't have a banana tree like everyone else in the village, so he steals from his neighbours. The people in the village catch him. But to stop him stealing, they don't punish him. Instead, they help John plant his own banana tree.



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