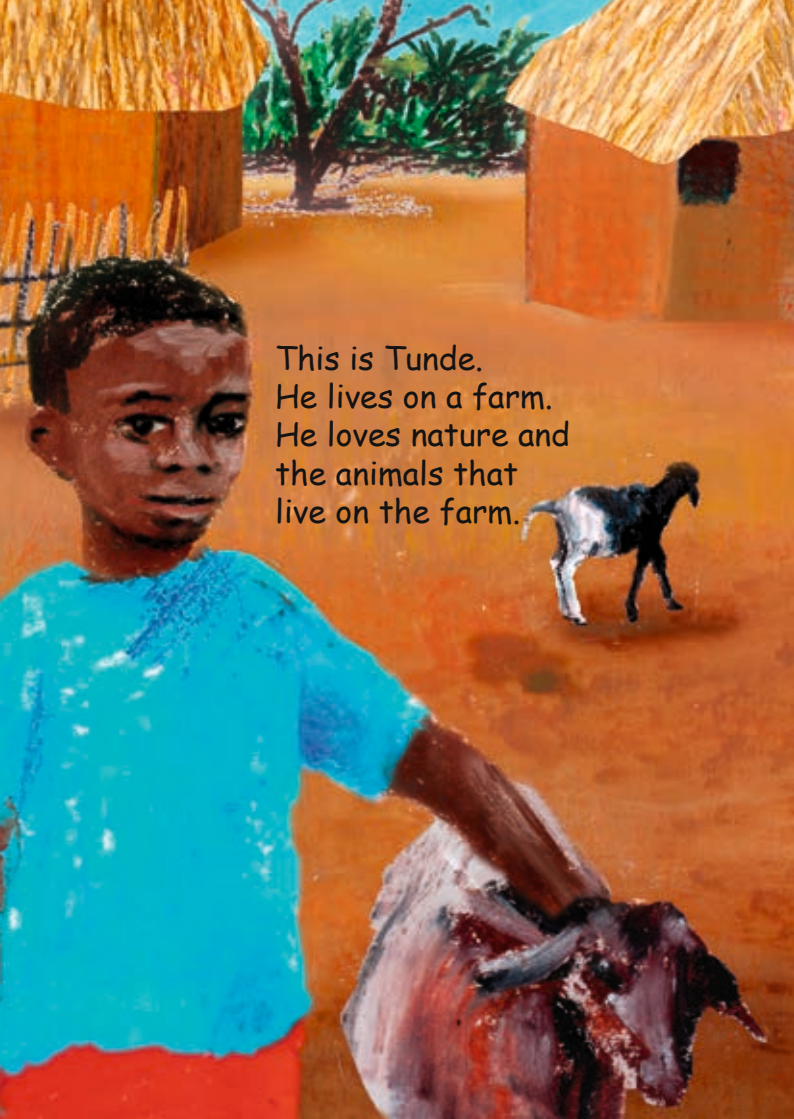


# Through Love





This is Tunde.  
He lives on a farm.  
He loves nature and  
the animals that  
live on the farm.

One day Tunde's parents surprised him with a chick. Tunde was happy. The chick was warm, soft and lively.



Tunde looked after the chick on his own. The chick grew and grew, until it became a pretty hen. The yellow down became white feathers. That's why Tunde called his hen "Mrs. White". Tunde loved to play with Mrs. White. When he called her, she came quickly.





One day to his surprise he saw something lying in the corner on the soft straw. What do you think it was?



Mrs. White had become useful! She had laid an egg! From that day on she laid one egg every day. Tunde prepared a nice nest for her made out of an old basket. Every time she laid an egg she clucked.



Summer was almost over and the fields were ready for harvest. But what about Mrs. White?

Her behavior was strange. She disappeared often, spending a lot of time in the fields. She stopped laying eggs. But Tunde's mother just laughed saying: "Be patient. In three weeks you will know why."

That was hard for Tunde. One, two, three weeks passed. One day Tunde walked across the yard and guess what he saw! Mrs. White coming back from the field, but not alone...



Now Tunde understood what Mrs. White had been doing all the time in the field. Do you know it as well? Now he was very happy because he had a whole family of chickens!



One day Tunde's dad sounded an alarm. A pillar of smoke was coming nearer and nearer to the farm. The field had caught fire! Everybody helped to dig a ditch around the house to stop the fire.



So the house was saved although there was great damage. But where was Tunde's family of chickens? He searched everywhere, he called and called for them - but no answer. He went to the field and what did he see? He bent down...

In front of him his hen lay charred. She was dead! But where were the little ones?

Then he heard a soft cheeping sound. When Tunde touched the dead mother hen, all the little chicks came running out from under her, frightened but alive.



What had happened? When Mrs. White had seen the danger, she had called her small ones to her and spread her wings over them. The fire had consumed her but her chicks had been saved.

She had given her life for her children.





Mother hen is calling her chicks.  
Which path should they take to find her?

*Here are some Bible verses which speak about the love of the Lord Jesus to everyone including you.  
Take a pencil and draw lines connecting the two parts of each verse that belong together.*

John 3 verse 16

For God so loved the world  
that He gave His only begotten Son,...

...to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness.

Luke 19 verse 10

For the Son of Man has come to seek  
and to save that...

...and given Himself for us.

Ephesians 5 verse 2

As Christ also has loved us...

...They have mouths, but they do not speak;  
Eyes they have, but they do not see.

1. John 1 verse 9

If we confess our sins,  
He is faithful and just...

...which was lost.

Psalms 115 verse 4 and 5

Their idols *are* silver and gold,  
The work of men's hands...

...that whoever believes in Him should not  
perish but have everlasting life.



Because of your sins you too deserve death.  
Romans 6 verse 23 says: "For the wages of sin *is* death."

But the Lord Jesus, the Son of God, loves you. He left heaven to die for you on the cross. He endured the judgment for your sins. If you confess your sins to the Lord Jesus He will forgive you. You will one day be with Him in heaven forever.

He is waiting for you.  
He wants to save you from eternal death.

Let's read the end of the verse: "...but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

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