Born with Albinism In Africa



This new baby has albinism.

All children are a gift.

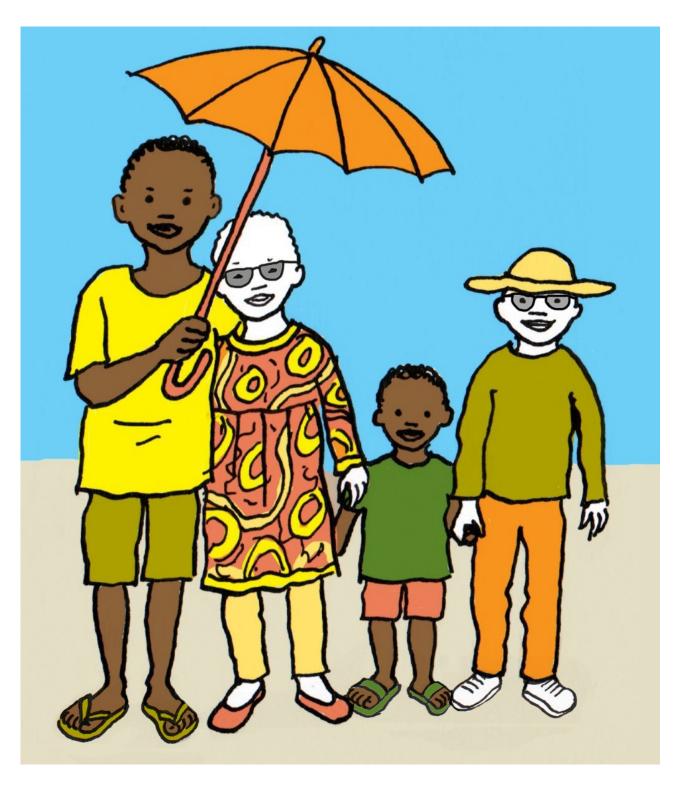


There are children with albinism all over the world.



This baby girl with albinism was born in Africa and looks different from her mother and brother, with pale skin and blue eyes.





Both boys and girls can have albinism; sometimes more than one child in a family.



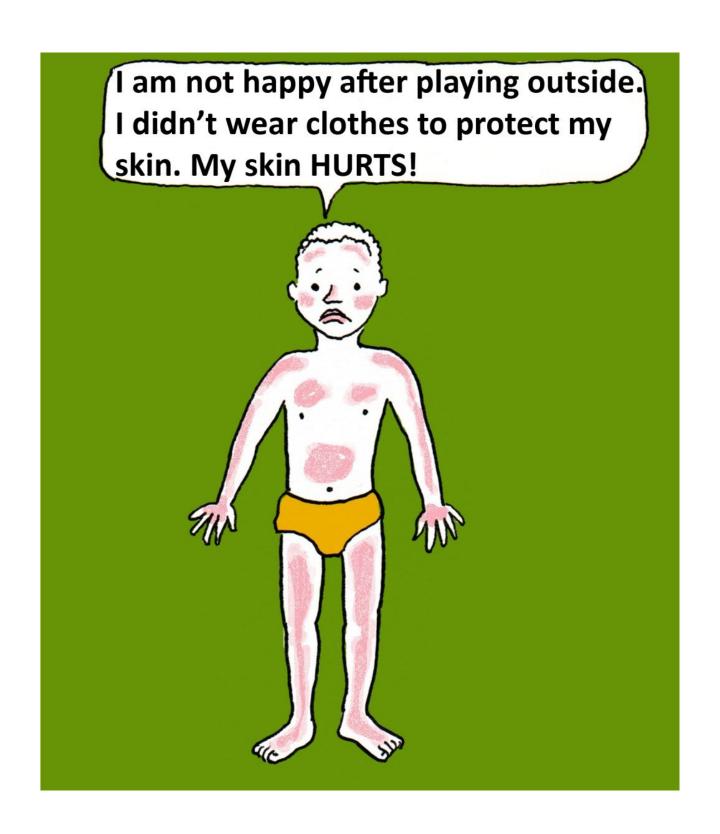


In this book we will look at how you can keep safe in the sun. NO SUNBURN!





If you spend the day in the sun like this, without sunscreen or clothes...



... your skin will go RED and BURN.



Protect your skin with sunscreen, if available.



Always wear protective clothes and sunscreen outside...





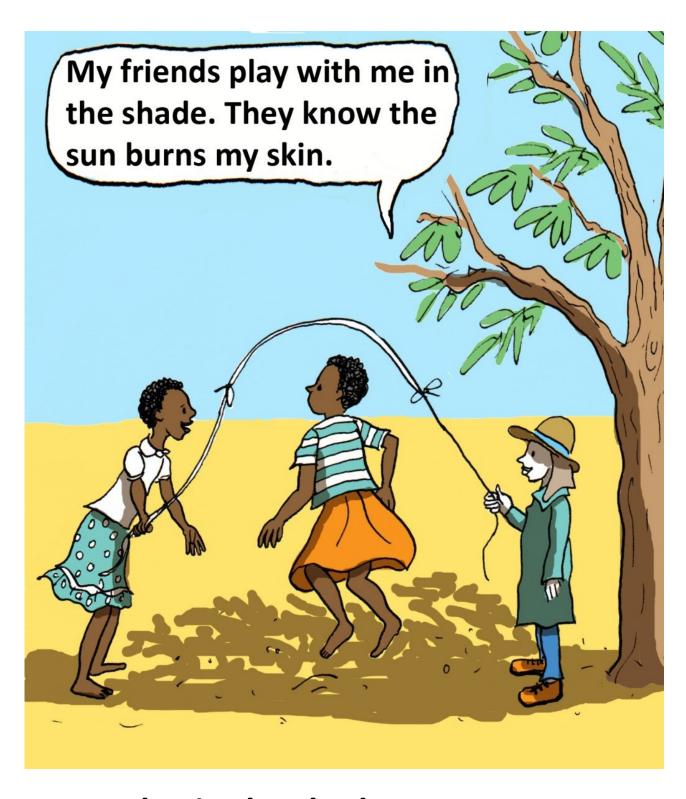
...and a hat!



A long skirt, long-sleeved shirt, widebrimmed hat, covered shoes, umbrella and cotton clothes are good.



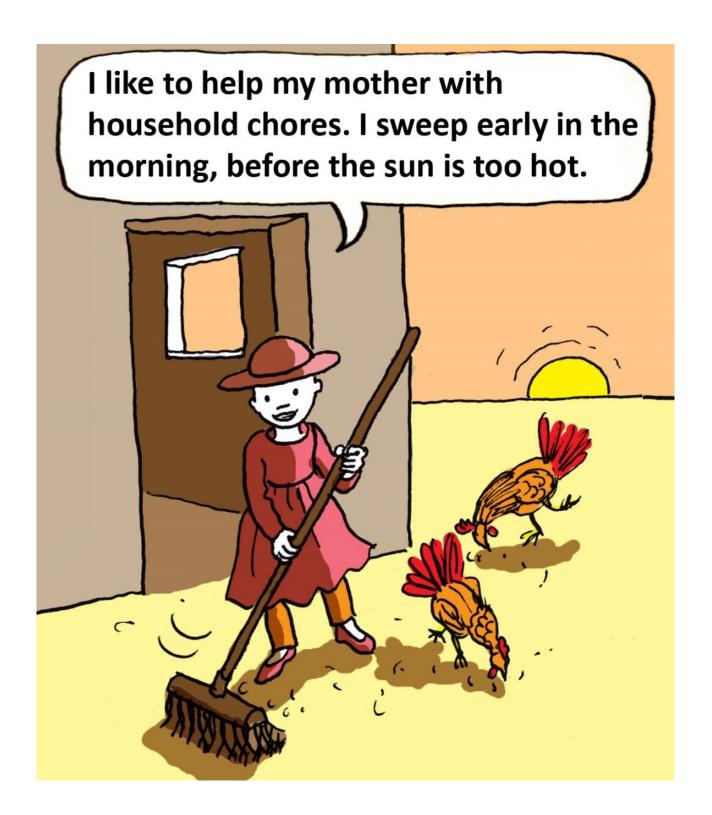
Play outside either early or late in the day, when the sun is lower.



Try to play in the shade....



.... or indoors.



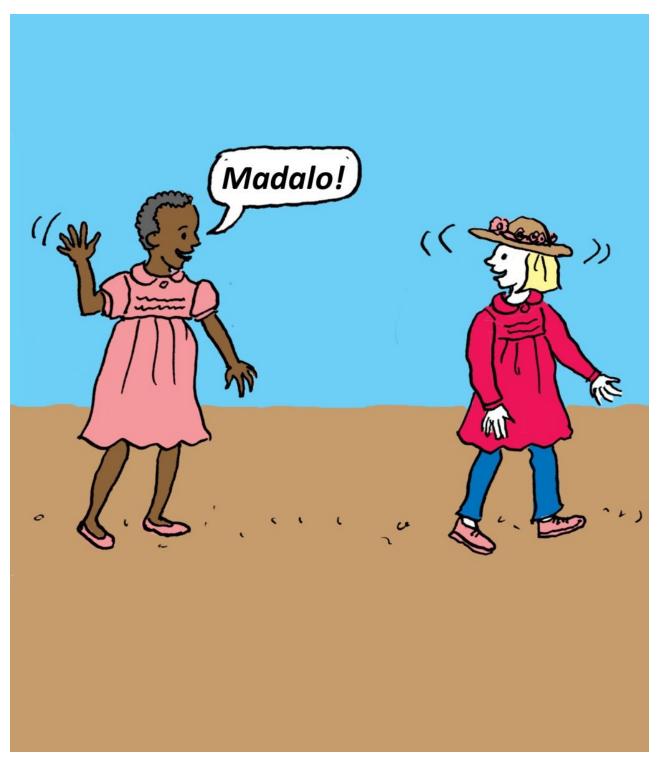
Do household chores either earlier or later in the day....



... and cover up on the beach.

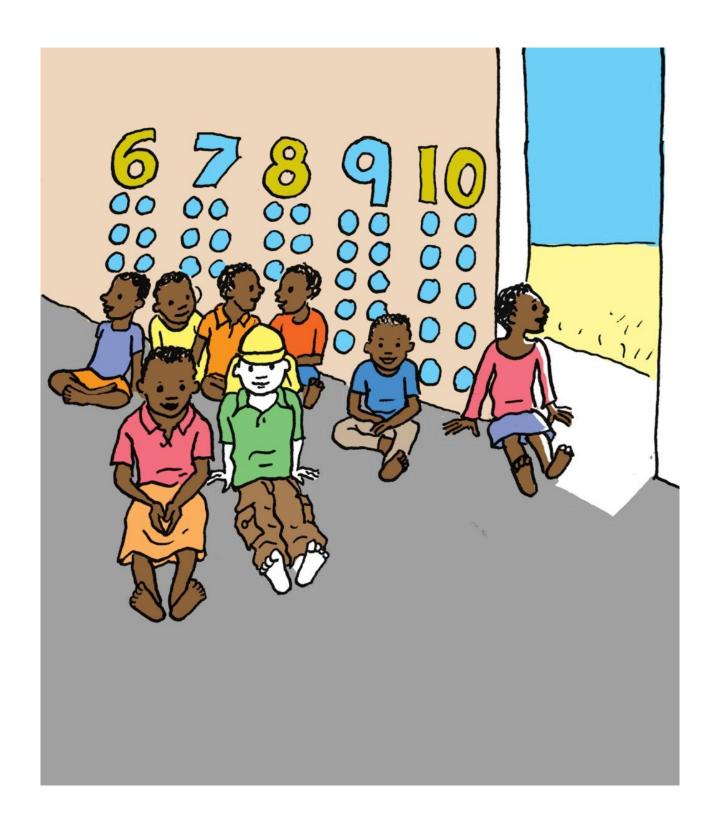


You may need help to see while outside.

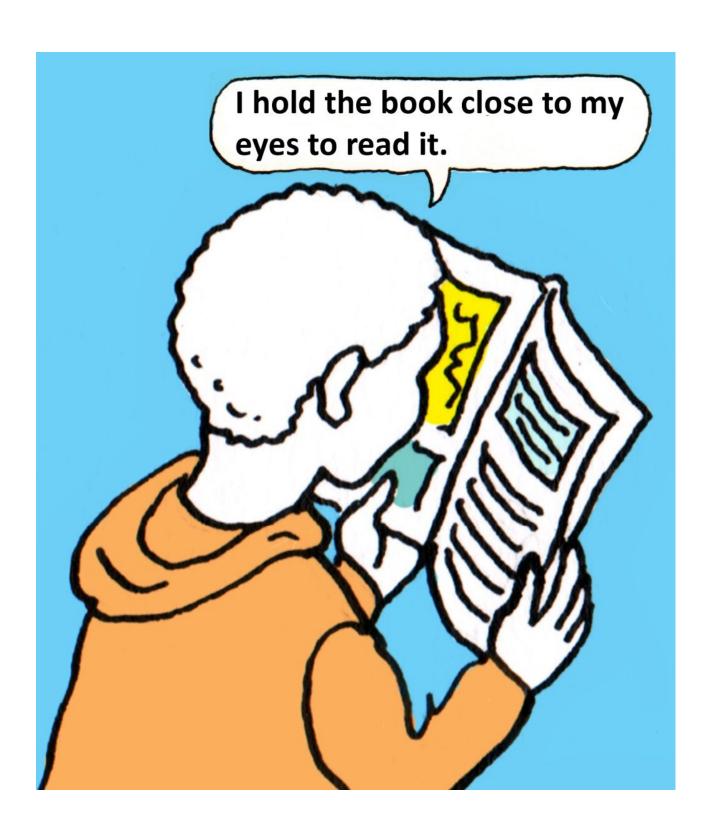


My friends call my name as I do not see them clearly if they are far away.





Sit near the front at nursery and school, close to the blackboard.







If available, use a magnifying glass or book stand in class.



In every other way, you're the same as everyone else...



You can bath in warm water (even if you go a bit pink!)...

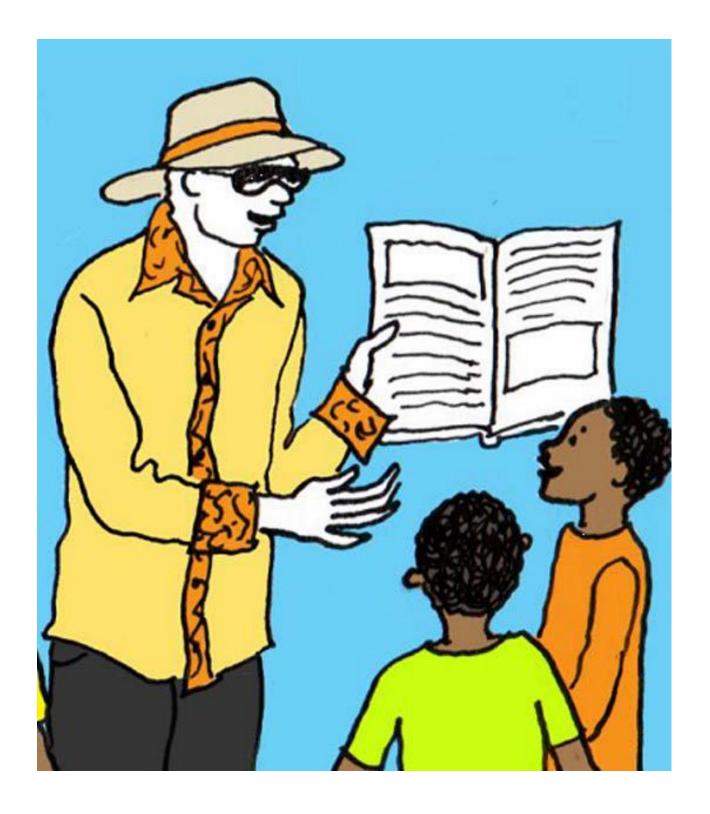


... and do whatever you want to in your life!



What is your dream?





Many people want to see your dream come true.

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