









Oluhle wakes up early. She is excited to get water.

"Come Mama, we have to be first today," she calls.



On the way they meet Nathi and Unathi.

They are going to the tap with their mother.



Oluhle and her friends play while the grown-ups get water.

"Oluhle, your bucket is full," says Mama.



At home, Oluhle takes a bath.

Mama goes to work and Oluhle stays with Makhulu.



In the afternoon Makhulu starts to make supper.

She needs more water.
She calls Oluhle so they can go to the tap.



"Makhulu, I can't find my bucket. I searched everywhere," says Oluhle.

Makhulu helps her look, but the bucket is nowhere to be found.







Makhulu thinks of a plan.

She gets a 2-litre bottle from the cupboard and fetches paints and paint brushes.



Makhulu makes a bucket from the water bottle. She paints it pink.

"Here's a recycled bucket, Oluhle!"







"Thank you, Makhulu," says Oluhle.

She is excited to go to the tap with her new recycled bucket.



The next day Unathi and Nathi bring two bottles to Makhulu.

"Makhulu, could you please make recycled buckets for us?"







Makhulu paints their buckets yellow and blue, their favourite colours. Nathi and Unathi are happy. Oluhle is happy too.



The friends can't wait to show off with their new buckets.

"Can we go to the tap now?" they ask.







-The End-



Match the pictures with the words:



Bottle



Tap



Paint



Bucket

Color this scene from the story:



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Color your own bucket design.



Read the sentences below and fill in the blanks using the words from the word bank at the bottom of the page. Each word can be used only once.

- 1. Oluhle wakes up early because she is excited to go to the ___.
- Oluhle and her friends meet at the ___ where they fill their buckets with water.
- When Oluhle's bucket is full, her ___ tells her it's time to go home.
- 4. Back at home, Oluhle helps her grandmother, called ____, with household chores.
- 5. Oluhle cannot find her bucket, but ___ helps her make a new one out of a recycled ___.
- 6. The next day, Oluhle's friends, Nathi and
 Unathi, ask Makhulu to make ___ buckets for
 them too.
 - tap
 - recycled
 - Makhulu
- water
- Mama
- plastic
- colorful

Answer the following questions

Why do you think Oluhle and her friends had to go to a tap to get water?
Why is water so important for humans, plants and animals?
What does "recycling" mean to you?