THE CASE OF THE OLIVETREE
Children’s Lenten Campaign 2010
Hi Kids! It’s me again, Baggy Wanderlust. Right now, I’m visiting friends in South Africa. I’ve only just arrived. I’ll be staying at Goedgedacht Farm, near the city of Cape Town. ‘Goedgedacht’ means ‘good idea’. When it’s hot where you are, people here are wearing woolly jumpers; and when you’re celebrating Christmas, it’s hot here. Many scientists predict that it’s going to get much drier and hotter here in the future …

My name is Daylon. I live with my aunt at Goedgedacht. When I grow up, I want to be a policeman. Now that the holidays have arrived, I have plenty of time to practice chasing criminals …

My name is Angie. I can’t wait to spend the holidays with my friend Daylon. Goedgedacht is so different from the farm where my family lives: they always have enough to eat there …

Hi, I’m Ingrid from Goedgedacht. We run lots of projects for the children whose parents work on farms in the region.

We also plant lots and lots of olive trees. We sell the olive oil to get money for our projects. Olive trees love the hot, dry weather here; which makes them perfect for the climate change that the scientists tell us is coming our way. I think that olive trees are a living treasure.

Hi, I’m Gerry. I breed sheep. In all, I have 4,500 of them on my farm. I used to have a problem with a leopard that came down from the mountains and stole my lambs. But then I had a bright idea …

Learn more about climate change on page 13.
One chilly morning in July ... Mum, why is it always so smoky here? We might not have any bread, but at least you'll get a hot cup of tea. Anyway, we don't have enough money for a better oven.

Come on. If we don't hurry, there'll be no work for us again today. We just have to earn some money today ... we have absolutely nothing left to eat ...

Hurray! Today I'm visiting Daylon. He always has something to eat.

Bye-bye, kids.

Angie's parents are day labourers on a farm. They are very, very poor.

... off to Goedgedacht! This story is thrilling and scary! Not long now.

Angie's coming to visit today.

Rustle rustle
Later on, around about midday...

That must be her now.

That sure was a bumpy ride!

Hi there, great to see you.

The roads around Goedgedacht are not paved and usually tough to drive on.

Hello

Hey, don't flatten us, baggy.

Come on, let me show you all around the farm.

Great!

Hi auntie, Angie's arrived.

Welcome to Goedgedacht, Angie.

Don't forget about me!
I think that’s everything. Who’s flattening who around here? So much food, just for us...???

Hey! What about my favourite snack, the olives?

Baggy, we don’t eat the olives, we sell them!

Daylon packs food supplies for the outing.

See you later. Don’t forget to be back by tea-time. Sure!

Humph! Can’t someone else do the carrying?

Every family at Goedgedacht has its own garden, so we all have enough to eat.

We don’t have anything like that. And we hardly ever have enough to eat.

Here we cultivate plants that are really good for the climate. They either clean the air, provide shelter from the wind, or retain moisture.

Turn to page 13 to find out how plants help protect the climate.
CAN I GIVE YOU A LIFT?

GREAT!

This is Ingrid, the project manager at Goedgedacht.

GOEDGEDACHT WORKS WITH CHILDREN FROM POOR FAMILIES. THE CHILDREN GET FOOD AND HELP WITH THEIR SCHOOLING. WE ALSO PLAY GAMES OR DO SPORT TOGETHER.

I’LL LET YOU OFF HERE AT THE OLIVE GROVE. YOU’VE GOT TO SHOW ANGIE THE TREES.

OH NO ... MORE WALKING.

I’M RIGHT.

THIS IS THE HEART OF GOEDGEDACHT.

HEART? LOOKS LIKE AN OLIVE TREE TO ME!

WE USE THE OLIVES TO MAKE OLIVE OIL, WHICH WE SELL. THE MONEY GOEDGEDACHT EARNED FROM THE OIL IS USED FOR CHILDREN’S PROJECTS. OLIVE TREES LOVE THE HEAT AND DRYNESS.

TIME FOR OUR PICNIC ...

Scientists predict that South Africa will be even hotter and drier in the future.
Detective Daylon is ready for the chase!

C’mon Baggy, you’re not all that heavy.

Ouch!

Ouch!

Ouch!

Says the guy who packed me so full of food!

Something... ...is just not right here.

I think you’re right.

Look at this.

Footprints! This can only mean...

Dreh Zuppel Swan’s Tat

Snap Shumpp
He could have thought of carrying me sooner!

I think...

... an olive tree has been stolen.

We've got to find the thief!

Olive trees are extremely valuable, you know.

I think we should turn back. It's getting dark.

We're really close now. I can feel it.

Come on, let's go deeper into the mountains.

I'm not sure about this.

Meanwhile...

I hope nothing has gone wrong. I think I'd better phone Ingrid.
NOT MUCH FURTHER NOW, I SEE ...

Huh ?!

HELP! A LEOPARD!!

HELP!

ISN'T ONE TUMBLE QUITE ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY?
That was a close shave.
Pfew!

Let's get out of here.

Dear God, help us.

I thought lions lived in game reserves.

What the...

... devil ...

Jerry was woken by all the noise.

Help!

Don't shoot!

Don't swear either!
Jerry is an amateur inventor. He created a really unique machine that roars like a lion as soon as anything approaches.

I use that machine to scare away the leopard.

What happened?

We were on the trail of the olive tree thieves.

Yes, we followed the footprints ...

And took a tumble once or twice ...

Humph! Do I look like a leopard?

There's no reason to laugh at us ...
Here are your olive tree thieves.

... or maybe there is!

The olive tree was a present from Goedgedacht. When I heard how well adapted they are to our climate, I really wanted to plant some on my farm.

But ... we usually give people presents of saplings.*

How embarrassing.

All that effort for nothing.

I have saplings as well. But this tree had to be moved because it was too close to another.

Ingrid and Daylon's aunt drive up.

B-B-But ... we usually ... give people presents of saplings*.

How embarrassing.

All that effort for nothing.

*I Saplings are small, young trees.

Thank goodness you ended up at Jerry's farm.

I'm sorry! I let my imagination run away with me.

Thank God everything turned out well ...

The End