

# A TYPICAL DAY OF BABY AGIE



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## Acknowledgments

The six picture books brought to you here are the first set of Sierra Leonean picture books ever developed specifically for young children six years of age and below. They are culturally relevant and developmentally appropriate for fostering young children's school readiness skills, particularly in literacy and numeracy, as well as in social and emotional skills. Such skills can set a solid foundation for children's success in school and life thereafter.

It is my hope that with these picture books, the young girls and boys of Sierra Leone will develop a basic understanding of citizenship, such as the equality of all women and men, girls and boys, and that all conflict can be solved peacefully. Sierra Leone needs all its young and future generations of children to be active citizens to contribute to the successful development of this beautiful country.

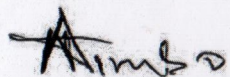
It is also my hope that parents, grandparents and other caregivers will spend time reading these picture books with their young children, which also offer useful parenting skills for them to improve positive child-rearing practices, such as feeding, caring, and nurturing young children so that they can have the best start in life.

The books are innovative and have been developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE), UNICEF and a team of inter-disciplinary local experts. The books feature a Muslim family and a Christian family in the context of Sierra Leone, which both young children and their guardians can easily relate to, and which ensure that valuable lessons are taught in a fun and engaging way. Indeed, early learning for the young children should be fun and engaging!

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to UNICEF for initiating the development of these picture books in successful collaboration with contributors from MBSSE, local experts and educators as well as illustrators. Special thanks to the children who provided great reviews and constructive feedback during the development of the books.

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The picture books are dedicated to the young children - our future - in Mama Salone.



**Hon. Alpha O. Timbo**

Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education





Wake, wake, baby Agie.  
Good Morning!





Wash, wash, baby Agie.  
Wash your baby every day.





Eat, eat, baby Agie.  
Feed baby with breast milk,  
whenever she wants it.





Shake, shake, baby Agie.  
I love my baby sister.  
And she loves me too.





Eh — eh — eh ...  
Bayo, bayo, baby.  
Baby wants to sleep o.





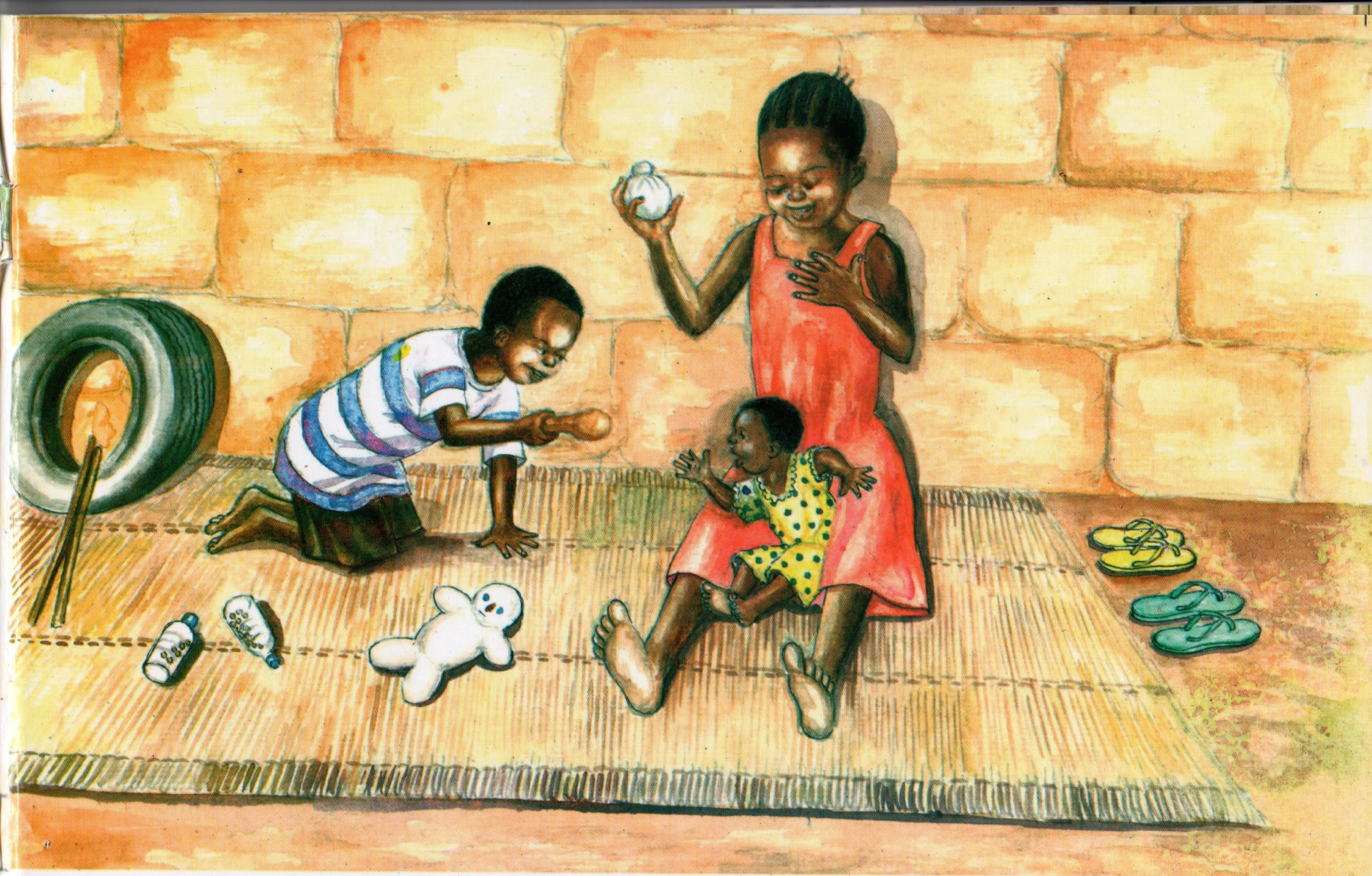
Lunch time, lunch time!  
We have boiled potatoes with palm oil,  
bananas and oranges.





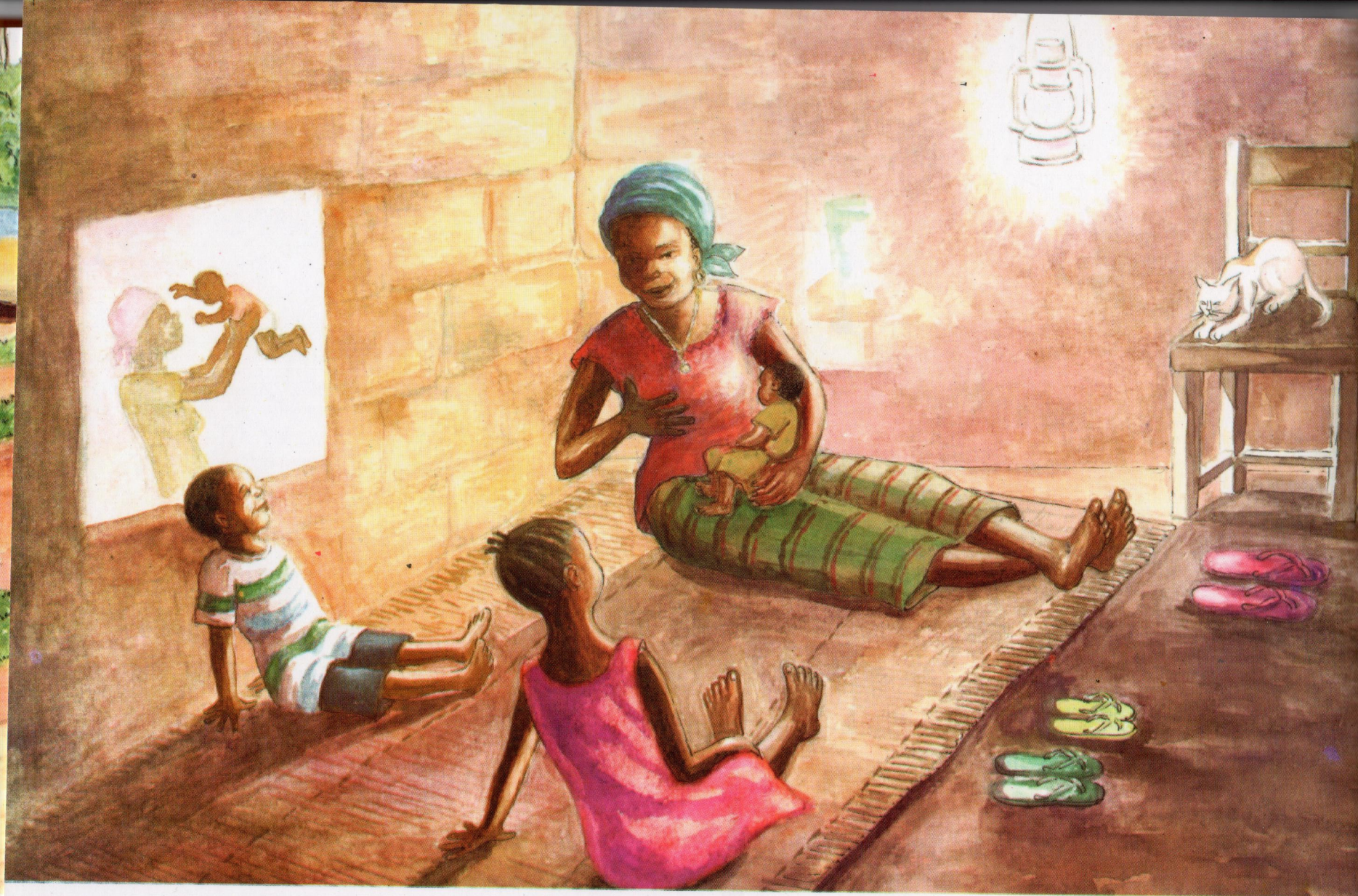
Breast milk and solid food,  
baby Agie is six months old.  
I feed her with breast milk and solid food.





Play time, play time!  
Oh Agie, you dropped it!  
Here you go. Do it again!  
That's so much fun!





Story time, story time.  
Let me tell you a story.  
Once upon a time,  
baby Agie was....





Welcome home, Papa!  
Hello everyone! Baby Agie has slept!  
Come here, Amie and Joe.  
Guess what I have for you?



## Take-home messages for parents and other caregivers:

1. Feed 0-6 months old baby breastmilk ONLY (bobi wata normor) any time baby wants it.
2. Starting from six months, feed your child with other foods such as:
  - Mashed boiled egg
  - Mashed well-cooked fish or chicken and beans
  - Mashed vegetable and fruits
  - Continue breastfeeding
3. Breastfeed your child any time your child wants it, until the age of two.
4. Good food plus talking, singing, and playing make your child grow strong and smart.
5. Talk to and sing to your child, play with your child from day 1. Children learn through play.



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