Druppeltjies, druppeltjies water

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Die voëltjies bad en skater.
Tinktinkie het ’n bekkie,
Maar boskraai het ’n snater.

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Oor die rympie

Hierdie rympie gaan oor voëls wat in die water bad en baljaar en oor die geluide wat hulle maak. Die voëls wat "skater" verwys na die gekwetter van die voëls terwyl hulle die water geniet, wat 'n mens kan herinner aan mense wat hard lag. Twee voëls word bekendgestel, die piepklein tinktinkie en die veel groter boskraai. Teenoor tinktinkie se klein "bekkie" het boskraai 'n baie kenmerkende groot "snater". Die woord "snater" verwys ook na die harde krasgeluid van die boskraai.

About the rhyme

This rhyme is about birds frolicking and bathing in the water and about the noises they make. The word *skater* means "to laugh out loud and with pleasure". Here it refers to the chattering noise the birds make while they are enjoying the water, and that may remind us of people laughing aloud. Two birds are introduced: a very small bird, the *tinktinkie* (cisticola) and a much bigger bird, the *boskraai* (hornbill). The small bird has a small beak, but the hornbill has a characteristically large bill. There is also some word play with the word *snater*: the word *snater* refers to the bird's bill, but also to the loud noise it makes.

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- Sê die rympie op verskillende maniere saam met jou kinders op – byvoorbeeld: praat met 'n diep, growwe stem en dan met 'n piepstemmetjie; sê dit baie vining en dan baie stadig; fluister dit en skree dit dan uit.
- Knip 'n melkboks of plastiekmelkbottel aan die kant oop om 'n voëlbadjie te maak. Maak dit vol water. Laat dit buite in die tuin of op 'n vensterbank staan sodat die voëls daaruit kan drink of daarin kan bad.
- Verf prente buite (op teer, plaveisel of mure) met water en verfkwaste.

Activities

- Say the rhyme together with your children in different ways – for example: using a gruff voice and then a squeaky voice; saying it very quickly and then very slowly; whispering it and then shouting it.
- Cut a milk carton or plastic milk bottle along the long side to make a little bird bath. Fill it with water. Then leave it outside in the garden or on a windowsill for the birds to drink from or bath in.
- Paint pictures outside (on tar, paving or walls) using water and paintbrushes.