The short version of Irenge’s story

Irenge is a boy who lives on top of a hill in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He has a hard life and helps his mother a lot. He is always the one who goes down the hill to get water from the well.

One day at the well he finds a group of Tapori children. One of the children, Basole, invites him to play with them every Saturday. Irenge accepts and makes new friends who often come to visit him on top of the hill to play, sing and dance. The children at the top of the hill and those at the bottom become friends and it makes Irenge very happy.

Activity B: Write your true story of friendship

In 2017, Tapori will be 50 years old. To celebrate this we want to share true stories of friendship that show the importance of getting to know others and that no child should be alone.

Write a true story of friendship that happened to you or to someone you know using this guide:

- Describe where the story takes place: at school, in your family, in your neighbourhood, in the park etc.
- Give the first names of all people in the story.
- Describe how your story begins (were you playing together?)
- Have you done other things together since then?
- What did it change?
- What do you know about this child’s family?

You can simply write your story down or make it into a comic strip, a short story or even a poem.

Sent it to us and we will add it to the stories of other children from around the world.

We would like to receive your story before March 2017

First Name: ___________________________
Age: ___________________________
Country: ___________________________

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In this newsletter, we invite you to write a true story of friendship and to make your puppet.

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Did you read the story of Irenge in the Tapori newsletter N° 408?
You can read the short version below or the full version in the Tapori newsletter N° 408.

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Activity A: Make your puppet

The story of Irenge shows that it is possible to build peace thanks to the friendship between all children.

Think of a child who was alone or who didn’t have friends but who made friends just like Irenge. Make a puppet representing that child with the help of an adult or a friend.

Choose someone that you know, a friend or even yourself.

Send your puppet to us so that it can travel and meet other Tapori children around the world.

Don’t forget to tell us all about your puppet by filling out page 4.

Here are some things you can use to make your puppet:
- Pieces of cloth that you like.
- Anything else you can find around you: Cardboard, corks, wood, buttons, pearls etc.

Step 1: Gather everything you need to make the puppet
Step 2: Make your puppet with a friend or an adult and fill in page 4 so it doesn’t get lost. Make sure that it is solid enough to send in a package.

Step 3: Put the puppet and page 4 in a package and send it to Tapori

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Here are some examples of puppets and their descriptions:

She is called Lara and she is 7 years old. She is from Syria. She arrived in Switzerland five months ago with her mother, father and older brother Elie to get away from the war. The children of the neighbourhood are not nice to Lara and they don’t want to play with her. I hope that Lara finds some friends in her neighbourhood and around the world.

My name is Daflina. I am 10 years old. I am from Angola and my little sister Pasua is 6. I went to school from when I was 6 until I was 8. I had to stop going to school to help my father in the cotton fields. Papa Wamba, my little sister and I left Angola to look for work in Switzerland.

In Switzerland, Papa Wamba met a Japanese woman, Hanayo, and she became our friend. We are learning about each other’s cultures. Now Papa Wamba, my sister and I don’t feel so alone.