

An illustration of a young boy with dark skin, curly hair, and round glasses, wearing a blue t-shirt and pink shorts, swinging happily on a wooden swing set. The background is a warm, golden-yellow sky with a large, bright sun or moon partially obscured by a large, light-colored thought bubble. Inside the thought bubble, the words "Yes you can!" are written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. The scene is set in a grassy field with a tree trunk visible on the right.

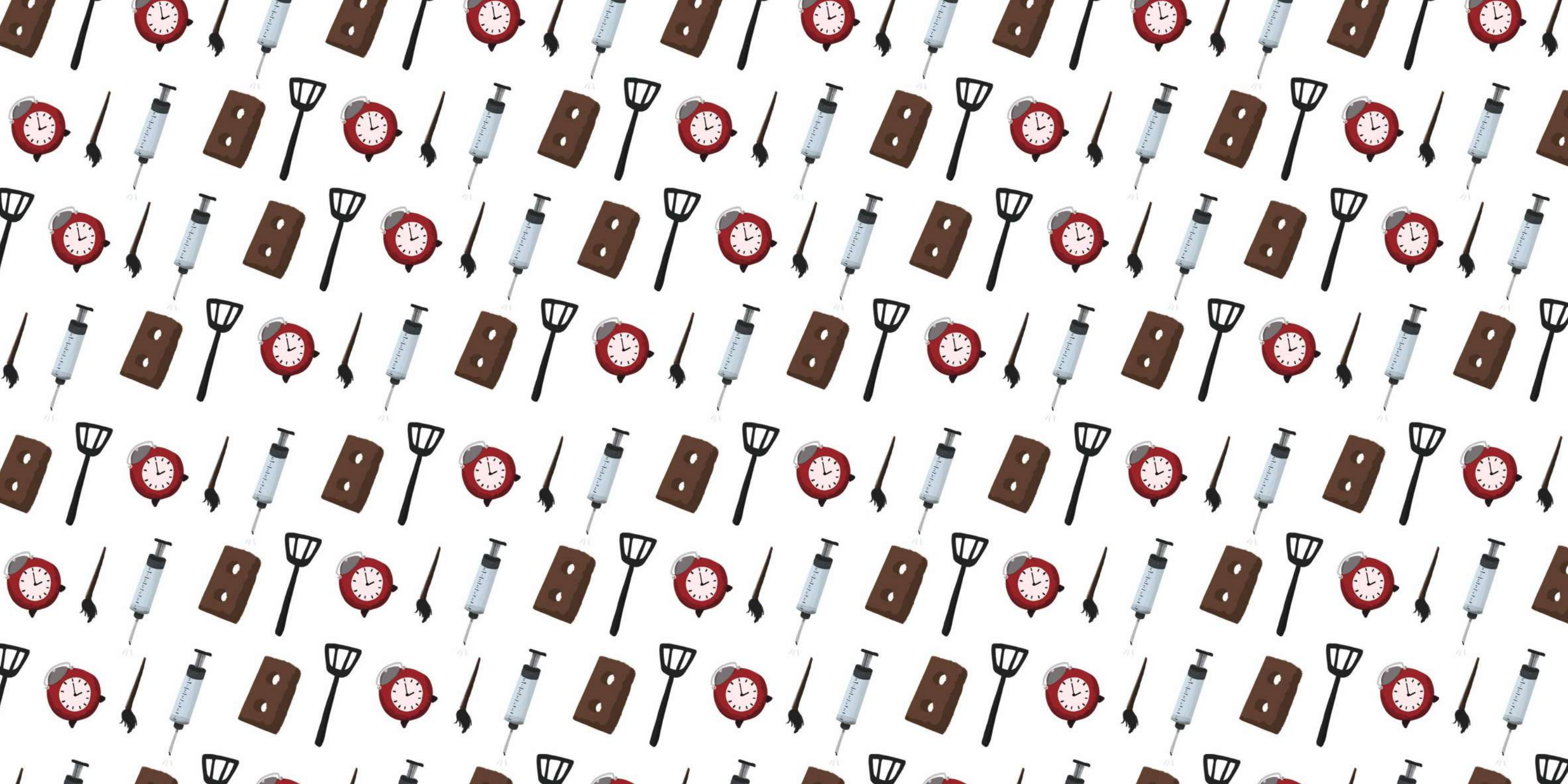
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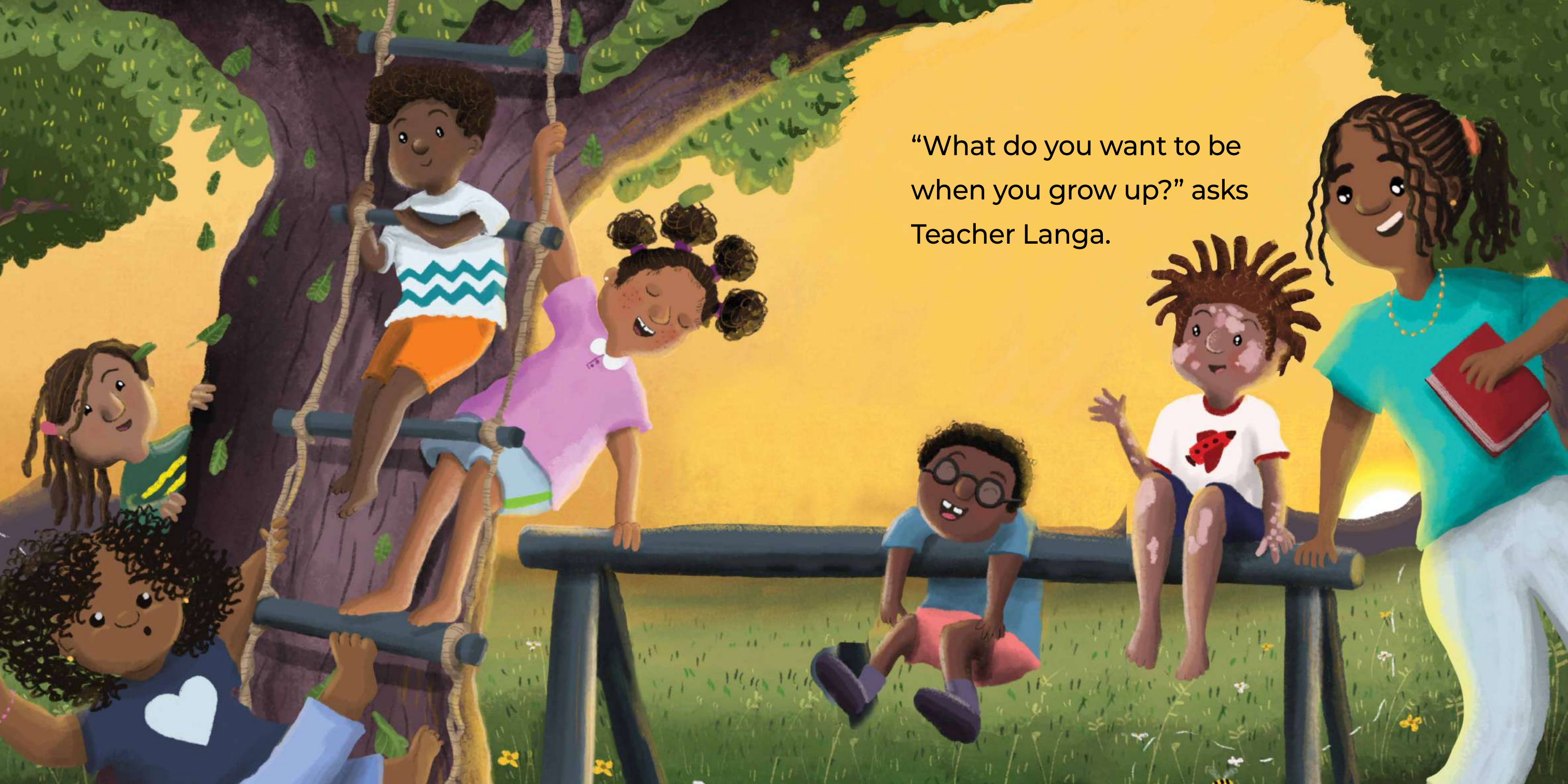
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“What do you want to be when you grow up?” asks Teacher Langa.



Khutso shouts,

“I want to be a cook!”





I love helping my mom bake and cook at home.”

Nandi says, “No! That’s a **girl’s** job. My mom does all the cooking at home.”

“Yes he **can**, Nandi. You can be anything you want to be,” says Teacher Langa.



The class chants,

“Yes you can!”



Milani says,

“I want to build houses
like my dad.”





“No you can’t, that’s **dangerous!**” yells Phathu.

“Yes she **can**, Phathu, as long as she loves it,” replies Teacher Langa.

The class chants,

“Yes she can!”

Sthelo says,

“I want to be a nurse.”





The class bursts
out laughing.

“What is so
funny?” asks
Teacher Langa.



Nandi replies, “Nurses are **girls.**”

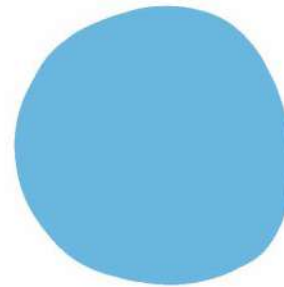
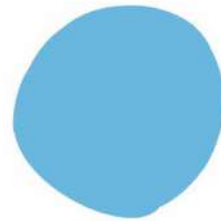
“There are male nurses too,”
says Teacher Langa.

“So class, can Sthelo be a
nurse?”

The class booms,

“Yes he can!”

“I want to be an artist
and draw pretty pictures,” says Liyana.





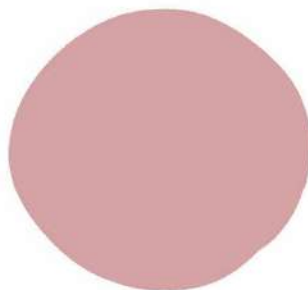
“That’s not a
real job,” says
Khutso and
rolls his eyes.



“That sounds lovely,
Liyana!” replies teacher Langa.
“Can Liyana be an artist?”

“Yes she can!”
shouts the class!

**“I want to be
an alarm clock,”** says Phathu.



An illustration of a group of diverse children playing on a large tree structure in a grassy field. One boy is climbing a rope ladder, a girl is hanging from a horizontal bar, and another girl is sitting on a lower bar. A boy is sitting on the ground, and a girl is sitting on a higher bar. A teacher, Teacher Langa, is standing on the right, smiling and looking at the children. The background is a bright yellow sky with green trees and grass.

“Huh?”

“What do you think, class?”
asks Teacher Langa.

The class booms,

**“Yes you can!
Yes you can!”**

Nandi hasn't shared what she wants to be when she grows up.

What do **you** think she could be?



