



## Lesreeks 6 : Leef gesond

Lees en kyk: Read a story

This activity should take you:

± 1 hour and 20 minutes

### You will need your:

- Afrikaans Sonder Grense Leesboek (reader),
- Afrikaans class work book,
- Dictionary, and
- Stationery

### Instructions:

- 1) Read ONLY the title of the story on page 27 of your reader; *'n Vuurtoringliggie in die donker nag*
- 2) Take a minute to think what the story is about? What does the title tell you? Have you ever read a story with a similar title?
- 3) Now read the Afrikaans and English words on page 30 of the reader so that you understand what the words in bold mean.
- 4) You are now ready to read the entire text (pages 27 – 30) in your reader: *'n Vuurtoringliggie in die donker nag*  
(If you do not understand a word in the text you have to use your dictionary to translate the word. Make a list of the words which you do not understand)
- 5) **Only AFTER** you've read the text by yourself may you read the summary (in English) below.

### Summary of the text:

*'n Vuurtoringliggie in die donker nag (A lighthouse light in the dark night)*

It is the life story of Nkosi Johnson, a boy who seized the imagination of the world because he bravely fought against AIDS in his short life. At birth he was already infected with the HI-virus. Doctors said he would only live for a year. His mother named him Xolani. At an old age home in Johannesburg, a lady Gail Johnson, met Nkosi and she grew to love him. Gail later adopted him and changed his name to Nkosi Johnson. The courageous boy continued fighting against the disease and he was later able to attend school. Unfortunately parents of the school were afraid that he might infect their children with the HI-virus. Through it all Nkosi stayed positive. He was only eight years old, yet he was able to speak about his disease like an adult. He wanted to tell the whole world about orphans who fought against AIDS. Many donations were received because of how Nkosi acted and a place of care, Nkosi's Haven, was opened for AIDS sufferers. Nkosi knew he would never reach adulthood. Although he had to spend many days in hospital, he continued to explain to people not to be afraid of AIDS sufferers. Shortly after he turned twelve he passed away. His fight against AIDS was like a light of hope for millions of AIDS sufferers.

\*NOTE: The story is related to the theme; Leef gesond (Live healthy) because it's about an AIDS sufferer who does not lose hope. As a child he did so much to make people aware of the disease and to give AIDS sufferers the hope they need in order to survive.

- 6) Answer the questions (question 1 to 10) on page 72 in your reader. You have to choose the correct word in brackets.
- Rewrite the entire sentence in your workbook and underline the word which you've chosen from the brackets.