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Conversations with My Daughter Beatrice's Goat

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T: Dad, Can you please publish an article about Beatrice?

Dad: Beatrice?

T: You know Beatrice?

Dad: I know several characters by the name Beatrice; Which Beatrice are you talking about?

T: What is the other Beatrice?

Dad: Who? You mean who are the other characters named Beatrice? Someday soon you'll read about one particular Beatrice— she was a character in a poetry book by an Italian poet - Dante.

T: Not that Beatrice! I mean Beatrice from Africa.

Dad: Of course I know about Beatrice from Uganda.

T: Oh, great! Can you publish an article about her?

Dad: I wouldn't know what to write though.

T: Do you know the story about her goat?

Dad: Where did – you - hear her story?

T: Mrs. Carman told us. She was very poor and wanted to go to school and her mother did not have money to send her to school. A family in America sent her a goat and she and her mother sold the milk that they got from the goat and her mother gave her the money to go to school.

Dad: It is an amazing story. Did you know she, now, lives in the States?

T: Serious?

Dad: Yes. She lives in Massachusetts and, she goes to college there.

T: Can we meet her?

Dad: I don't think so. She lives in Massachusetts. Do you know where Massachusetts is?

T: In New York?

Dad: Massachusetts is a state north of New York.

T: Oh! Dad, how did they sell milk?

Dad: They sold it to other families who needed milk. They lived in a small village; most everyone knows each other.

That is how it is in small communities. People know each other. Plus, their goat reproduced and they had more goats and more milk.

T: How does a goat reproduce?

Dad: It gives birth to baby goats and their family becomes larger. So, they had more goats, more milk and more food and more money.

T: How does a goat reproduce, dad?

Dad: It's a mammal. It gives birth to baby goats. Did you know baby goats are called kids?

T: So sweet!

Dad: Do you know what they call daddy goats?

T: No.

Dad: They call them Billy Goats.

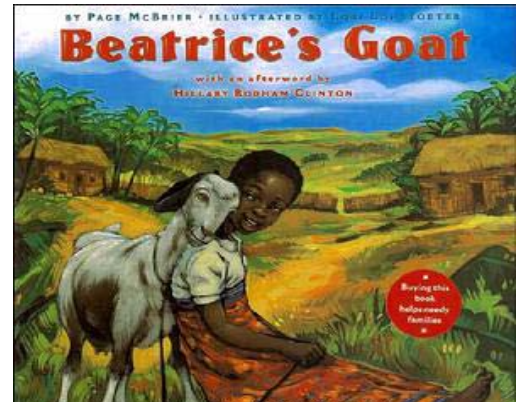
T: What do they call mommy goats?

Dad: What do you think?

T: Lily goats?

Dad: Good try. Try another.

T: Mommy Goat?



Beatrice's Goat - by Page McBrier, Lori Lohstoeter (Illustrator), Hillary Rodham Clinton (Afterword)



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Dad: No; Nannies! They call them Nannies.

T: Oh.

Dad: What do you think you can learn from Beatrice's story?

T: That she was very poor and lived in a house made of mud and something and she wanted to go to school and learn.

Dad: That's right. She wanted to learn. If she did not want to learn no amount of milk or money would have made a difference in her life.

T: Dad, Who gave her the goat?

Dad: Did Mrs. C not tell you?

T: I think she did.

Dad: A charity organization. It's called "Heifer Organization." It's a charity.

T: You said that

Dad: I don't know much about this organization but they, sure are, doing a great job in helping people.

T: Can we start a charity?

Dad: Possibly!

T: When? When are you going to start it dad?

Dad: I'm going to need your help with that project.

T: I love to help!

Dad: I know you do!

T: Dad, can you publish an article about Beatrice?

Dad: I see what I can do.

[Heifer International](#) is known for dispensing livestock to poor families around the world.
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