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## READ ACROSS AFRICA



The Village That Smiled®



The Village That Smiled® shared in Ethiopia.

## THE VILLAGE FOR VILLAGE PROJECT LET US TELL YOUR STORY

To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and America's nationwide initiative to support reading, the Village for Village Project participants read together the story of Abu, the young African boy who decided to make the people of his village smile. Abbu decided to use the 8 Be's: Be Helpful, Be Kind, Be Honest, Be Clean, Be Smart, Be Aware, Be Grateful, and Be Still. Abbu helped Sham-

siya carry water, helped his neighbor plant his garden, forgave his friend for losing his ball, helped his mother give their new baby a bath, learned to read and write in school, listened to a friend, showed gratitude when a friend shared his bread, and at the close of the day quietly reflected on all the happiness he felt. Students learned how one boy made an impact in his village.

