

**1077 RAVIRAVI SANGAM SCHOOL**

**YEAR 8**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**WORKSHEET # 2**

STRAND: Short Stories

SUB STRAND: Myths and Legends

CONTENT LEARNING OUTCOME: Discuss the different characters, themes and setting portrayed in the short story.

**Title: The Gods Who Exchanged Trees\_**

**Setting:** Cikobia and Munia Island

**Main characters:** Rasikilau , Koroibo

**Other Characters:** wife of Rasikilau, Two sons of Rasikilau

**Plot / Summary**

This particular story narrates as how Dawa trees came to Cikobia and Mamakara trees came to Munia. Rasikilau was a powerful God who lived on the island of Cikobia. He was all lonely until he met a Goddess who came in a canoe from the lands towards the North. The two got married and had two sons who were equally as powerful as Rasikilau. The young boys used to pull out Mamakara trees and used them as the club to hit the pebbles to play the ball game. The boys were good friends until one day they found a fish on the beach and started to quarrel as to who should have it as it was only big enough for the meal for one of them. The quarrel grew into a heated argument and they started throwing large rocks at each other. When Rasikilau saw what was happening, he grew weary of the boys might and thought that one they may might overpower him and send him off the island so he banged the boys head together with such a force that they died instantly.

After killing the boys Rasikilau realized that the goddess would be waiting for her both sons so he went to her and made up a story that boys killed each other by throwing large rocks to each other. Goddess was very upset hearing this and Rasikilau felt guilty for what he had done. News of this tragedy reached to Koroibo the God of Munia and close friend of Rasikilau so he decided to visit Rasikilau and comfort him In his grief. He told Raskiliau that if only he had Dawa trees on his island, the boys would have played with soft Dawa fruits rather than a pebble. Thinking of Rasikilau's future children Koroibo offered a tree exchange. He offered Dawa trees to Rasikilau and in return he wanted Mamakara trees. Rasikilau agreed and the exchange took place. Rasikilau related the news to the Goddess but she was not able to overcome her grief and later passed away. Raskilau was lonely once again and as he sat under the Dawa trees he could hear his wife's sighs

**Theme**

- Be Honest
- Friend in need is friend in deed
- Life is not bed of roses as it comes with challenges
- Think twice before making decisions

**Activity**

1. Choose an important theme as stated in the notes and discuss it in your own words the message it portrays.

