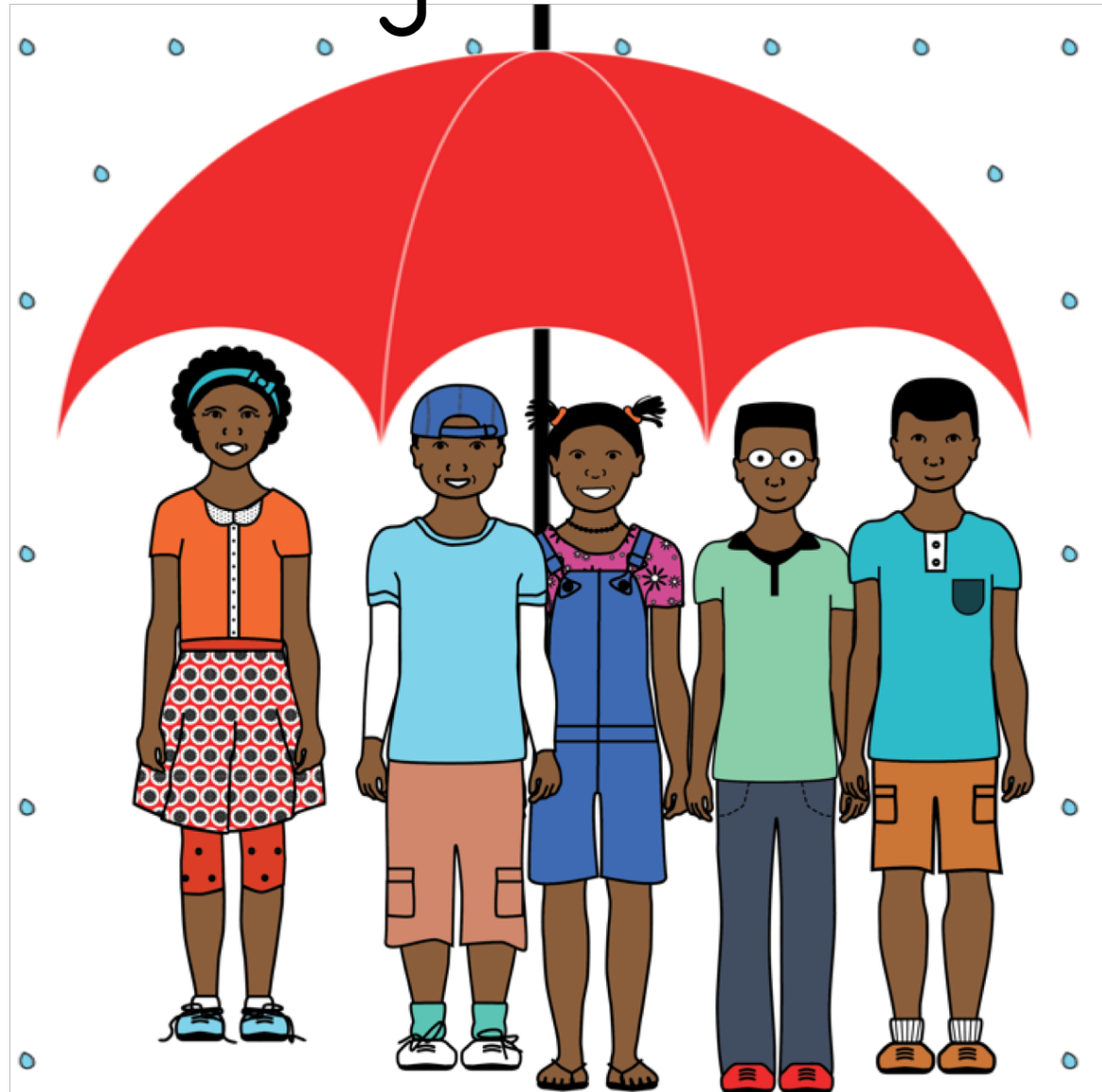


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Five children getting wet under the small umbrella.

Busi moans: There are too many children under this small umbrella

There are no children under the **big** umbrella.



5

five

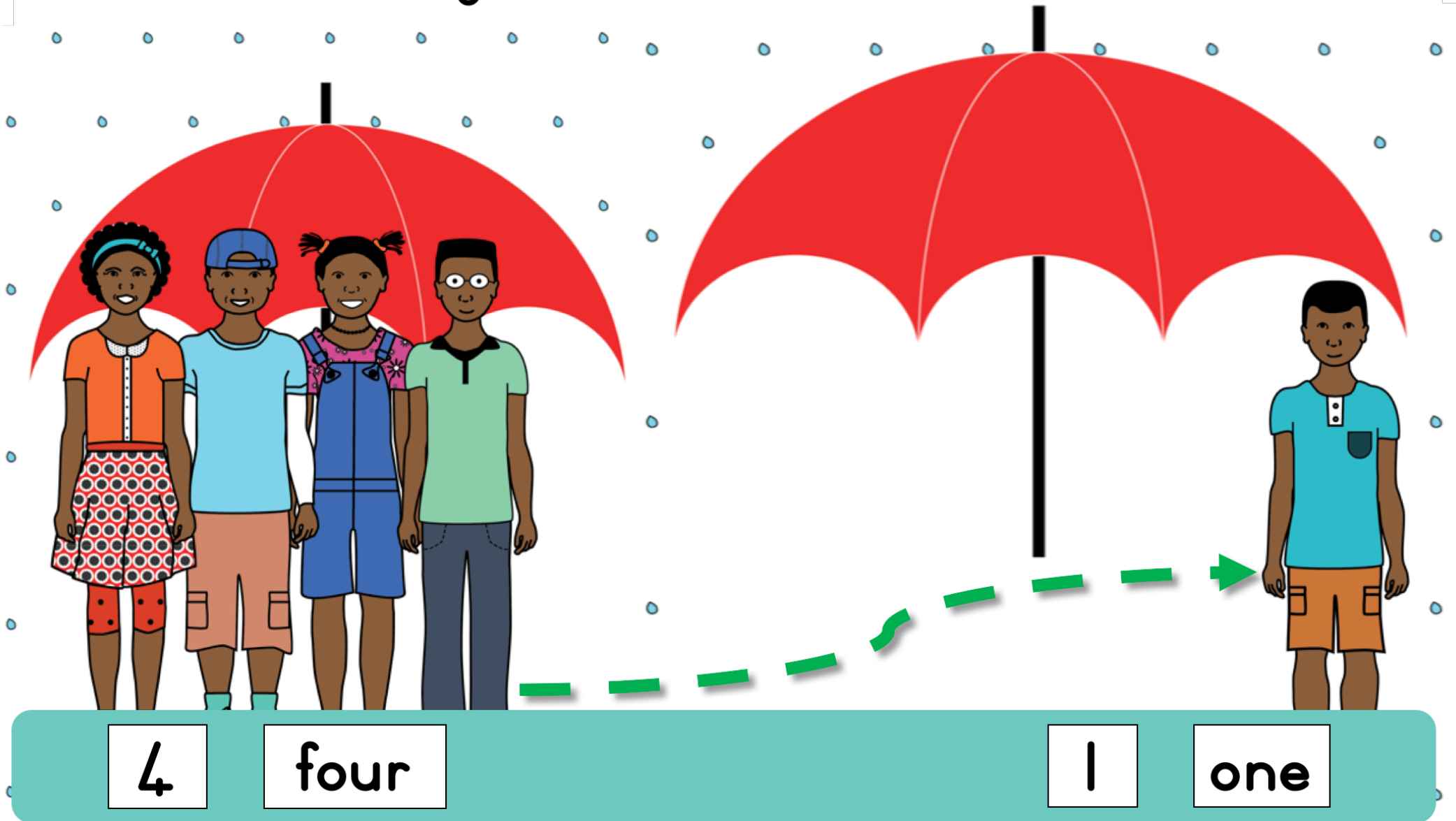
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What do you think
will happen next?

One child moves to the **big** umbrella.

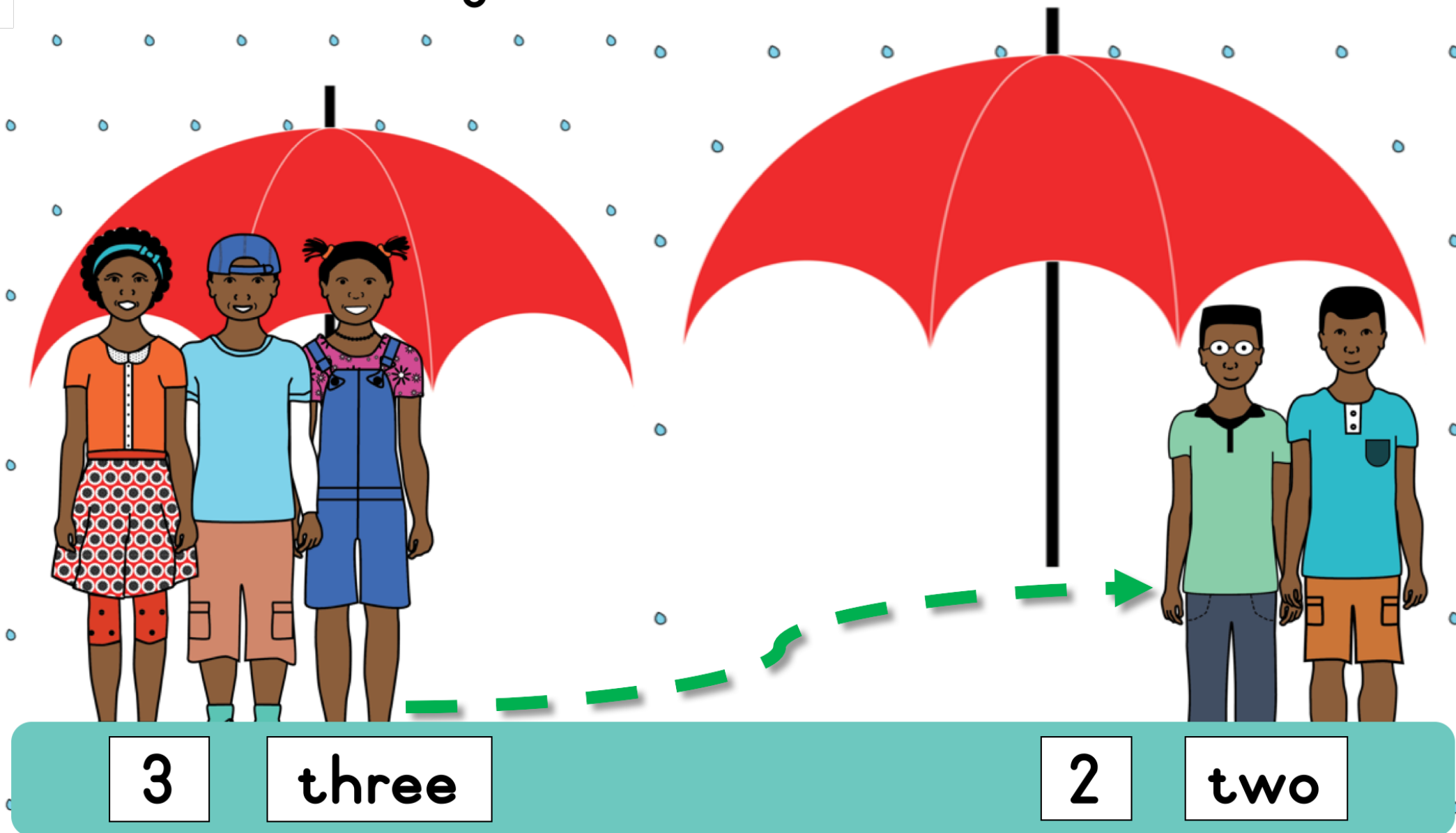
Busi moans: There are still more children under this small umbrella and less under the **big** umbrella.



What do you think
will happen next?

One child moves to the **big** umbrella.

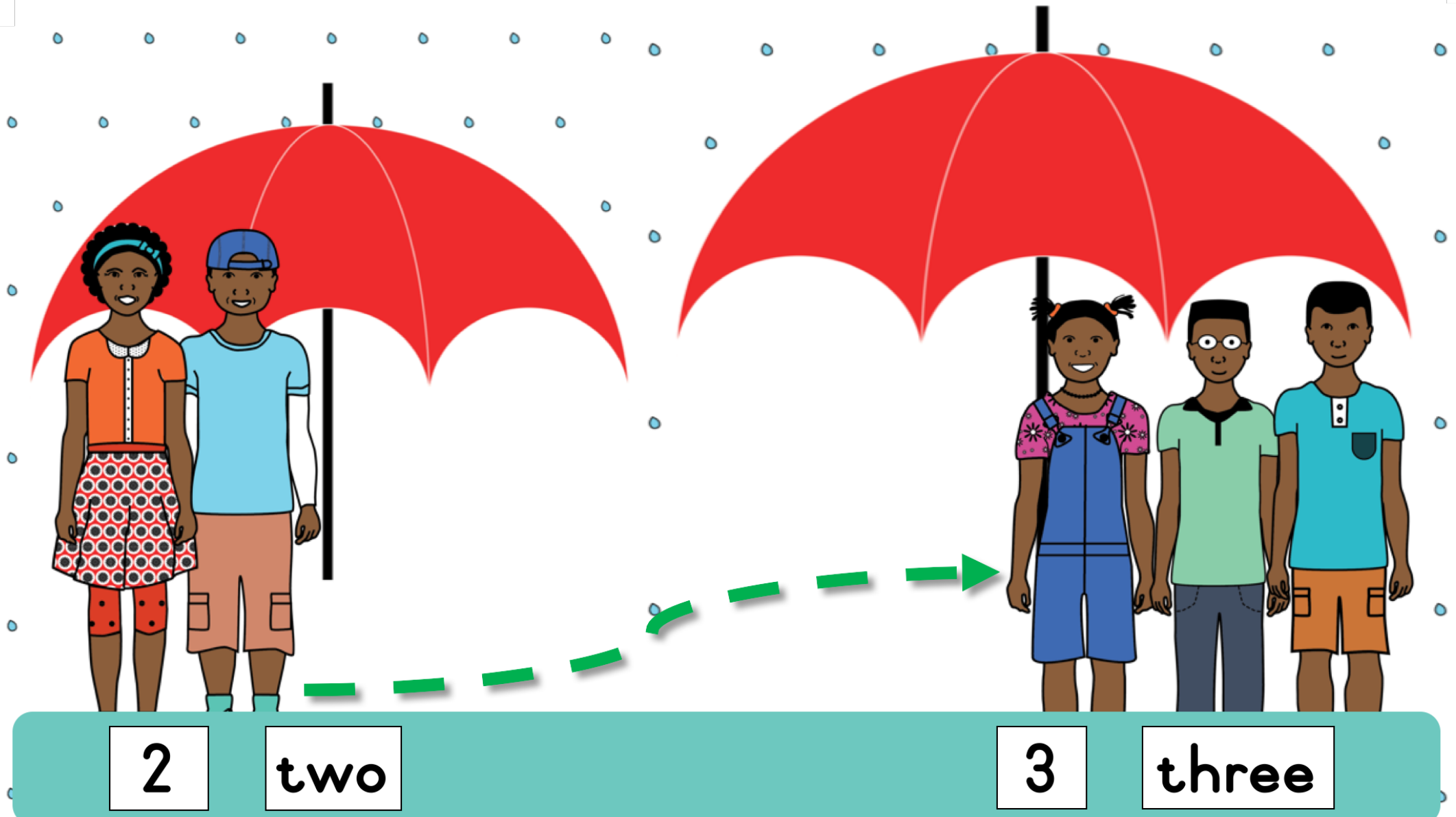
Busi moans: There are still more children under this small umbrella and less under the **big** umbrella.



What do you think
will happen next?

One child moves to the **big** umbrella.

Busi says: Now there are less children under this small umbrella and more under the **big** umbrella.

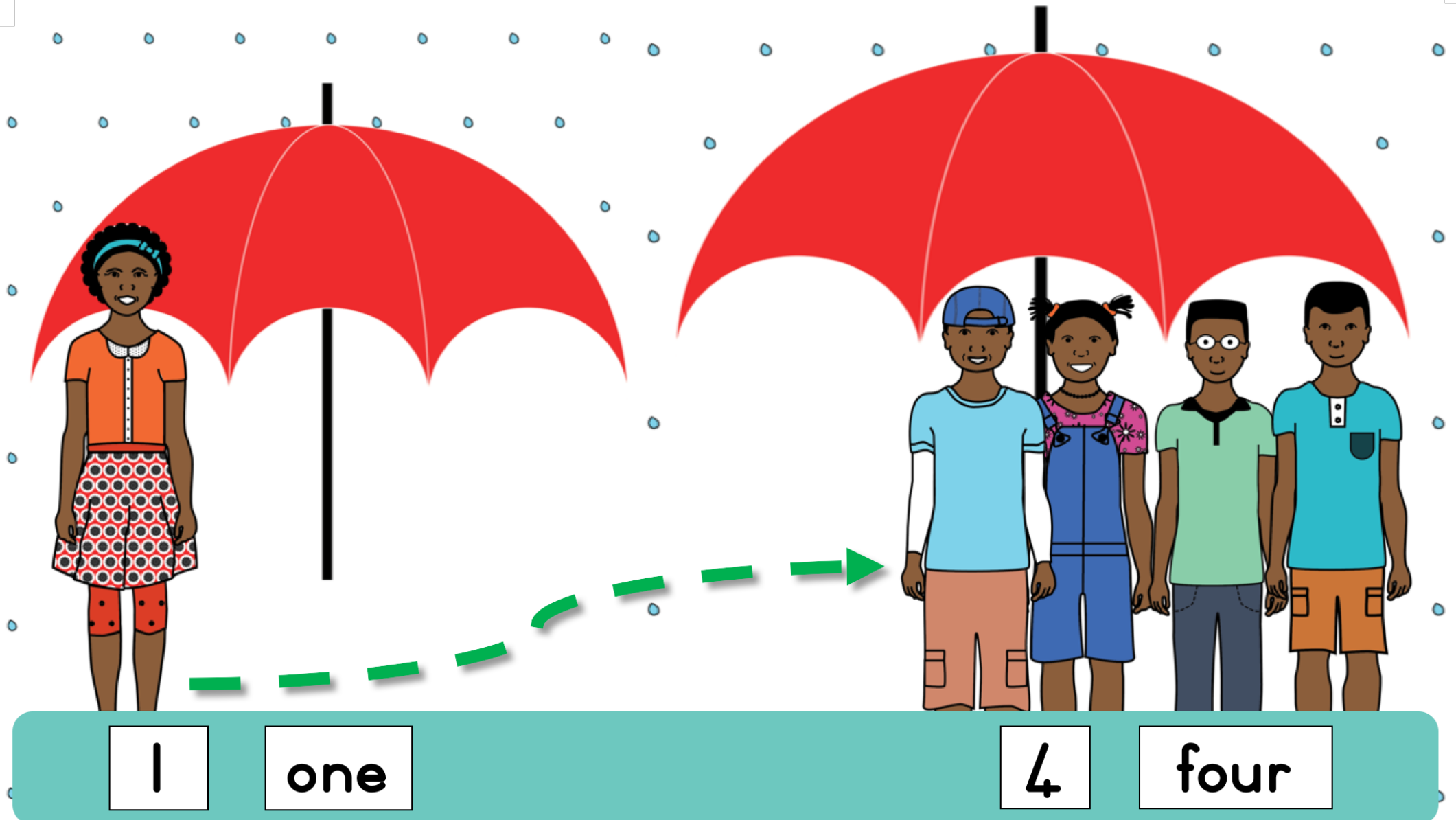


Is Busi right?

What do you think will
happen next?

One child moves to the **big** umbrella.

Busi moans: Now I am all alone! I am lonely.



What do you think
will happen next?

Busi moves to the **big** umbrella.

No children getting wet under the small umbrella.



0

zero

5

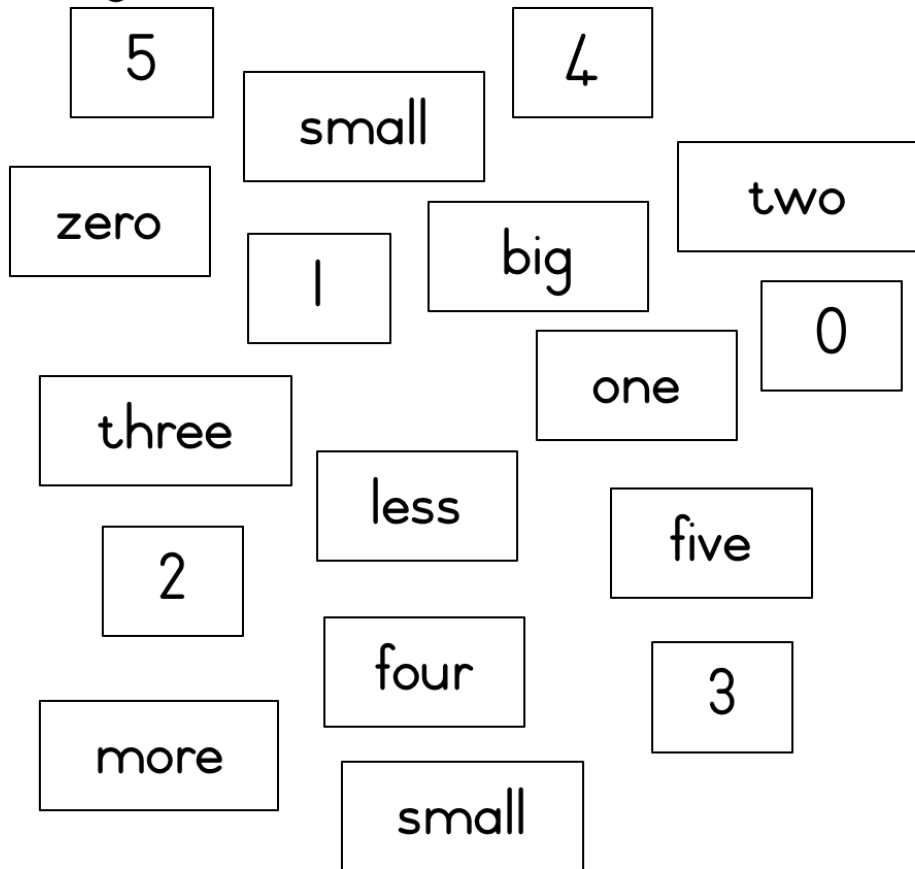
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Five happy children
keeping dry under
the big umbrella.

Use drawings, stones, toys or any other objects to tell your own story about children and umbrellas.



Key words and numerals

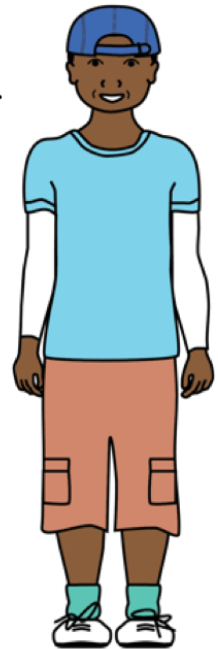


Ask children to find the

- numerals 0 to 5,
- number words zero to five,
- comparative words more, less, big and small.

Tips for using this book:

- Talk about what might happen next, before you turn over each page.
- Draw attention to the key words and numerals on each page.
- Talk about the combinations of numbers (5 & 0; 4 & 1; 3 & 2) that together make 5.
- After the story, talk about what happened in the story.
- Ask children to re-tell the story.
- Ask children to pretend read the story.



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