

Mom and Seven Girls

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Age 7

A long, long time ago there was only water in the world. One mom lived under the water with her seven daughters. One girl wore a red dress, one wore an orange one, another wore yellow, and still another wore green. One daughter's dress was blue, another's was indigo and the last daughter wore violet. They always played together in the water.

One day the girls grew tired of having only water for a play place. They wanted something else.

"I want to walk and run on something. I don't like swimming in the water forever," said the girl who wore red.

The other girls agreed with her. "Water is everywhere. How can we get out of water?" responded the girl in the blue dress.

All the girls were not happy any more. They no longer chatted and laughed. Their mother felt very sad because the girls no longer wanted to talk to her. They just wanted to change the world so they could get out of the water.

"I can dry up some of the water to make some land where you girls can play," said Mom. "However, while I am busy making the land, all of you must stay in deep water."

The mom swam very fast far away from her girls. Then she began to change. The mom became a gigantic fireball, and the space where the water was became smaller and smaller. Water makes a big noise when it is shrinking, and fireball make the universe very bright. The noise and the brightness attracted the girls, who wanted to see what was going on, so they left the deep water. Their mother saw them too late. All girls disappeared even as the land formed. The seven girls became the seven continents on the earth. The mom cried when she saw that her girls were girls no more. Her tears

made rain on the earth. Hoping that her girls would come back, the mom put out her girls' favorite colored clothes out in order to make the girls come back. But the girls remained continents. Then the mom became the sun, and the girls' favorite colored clothes turned into the rainbow. After that, whenever the mom cries it rains, and the rainbow appears in the sky.