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## Kids' Guide To The Kalahari

9 x 5'

### EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

#### 1. The Camel Thorn Tree Hotel

Kusi, the camel thorn tree, takes us on the tour around the Camel Tree Heights, introducing all the animals that make their home in his 'hotel'. Starting with the ground squirrels on the Lower Ground Floor, moving up to the tree rat on the First Floor, then on to the sociable weaver's nest on the Top Floor, and finally ending with a visit to the Penthouse and its VIP guest, the leopard.

#### 2. The Leopard Who Lost Her Lunch

Kusi, the camel thorn tree, introduces us to two of the biggest and scariest predators in the Kalahari, the lion and the leopard. He compares the stats of these two super cats and referees the ultimate strength contest between the two as they squabble over food.

#### 3. Keeping Kalahari Cool

Kusi, the camel thorn tree, explains the amazing lengths that the animals of the Kalahari go to in order to keep cool in the searing heat of the desert. From ground squirrels with built in sun umbrellas, to an antelope with a specially designed cooling system in his nose, he reveals the amazing adaptations these desert creatures make use of to keep Kalahari cool.

#### 4. Happy When It Rains

Kusi, the camel thorn tree, reveals why in the water-starved desert the resident plants and animals are always happy when it rains. He explains the difference the yearly rains make to all the desert's inhabitants and the burst of new life that follows the long awaited downpour.

#### 5. Kalahari Babies

Kusi, the camel thorn tree, introduces us to his favourite neighbours, the Kalahari babies. Starting with the arrival of little springbok junior, then discovering why spotted hyena pups always have the last laugh, before joining in with some baby Cape foxes for playtime.

#### 6. Living Together

Kusi, the camel thorn tree, explains how many of the animals who live around him work together to survive in the tough conditions of the Kalahari desert. He reveals how the antelope around the waterhole band together to look out for danger and introduces the residents of the burrow system at his feet that live together for safety in numbers, but don't always get along so well.

## **7. Leopard School**

Kusi, the camel thorn tree, introduces us to the leopard school and its two star pupils. It's time to discover all the vital skills the two leopard cubs must learn to grow up to be one of the Kalahari's top predators. From lessons in climbing, to hunting and eating will the learner leopards graduate top of the class?

## **8. Food Fights**

Kusi, the camel thorn tree, reveals how many of his friends and neighbours in the Kalahari must fight over food just to survive in the desert. There is little loyalty in the Kalahari where food is concerned as wildcat kittens face off against their litter mates and a tiny sociable weaver bird takes on a huge hungry snake that is threatening his nest.

## **9. Things That Go Bump In The Night**

Kusi, the camel thorn tree, shines a light on the strange goings on that take place all around his branches in the deep, dark desert night. From a fox with giant ears to a striped cat with a special stinky weapon, there are all sort of bizarre creatures that come out at night in the Kalahari.