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Introduction for Ministry of Education Online Early Childhood Education Teaching and Learning Materials

The Liberia Ministry of Education has developed 50 context-relevant and age-appropriate early childhood education readers. These readers would be addressing the chronic need of improving the quality of teaching and learning materials and the widespread lack of curriculum materials for foundational literacy and play-based learning. Twenty-five of these ECD readers were written by ECE master trainers and, 25 were contextualized using online open-source stories from the global digital libraries.

Welcome to this audio edition of early childhood books aligned to the Liberia Early Childhood Education Curriculum. There are 50 eBooks in this edition. The uniqueness of this Ministry of Education approach is that each book has a sign language version.

The books come in three categories or levels:

- Beginner or nursery is for children ages 3 to 4
- Intermediate or K-I is for children ages 4 to 5 and
- Advance or K-II is for children ages 5 to 6

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To access these early childhood books online, please go to the Ministry of Education website: www.moe.gov.lr

Students of the Kiddies World Center were leaving from school for their Christmas break, and Joetta was telling her friends about how her family celebrates Christmas. Every year on December 25th, we celebrate Christmas. In my home, my mom buys many gifts for my brother and me, Joetta told her friends as they were on their way home for the Christmas break.



She also decorates our home with beautiful Christmas lights and lights a big Christmas tree. The lighted Christmas tree sings different beautiful Christmas carol.



During the Christmas holidays, our schools are closed so we spend time with our mom and dad. They take us to many beautiful places such as the beach, cinema, and park.



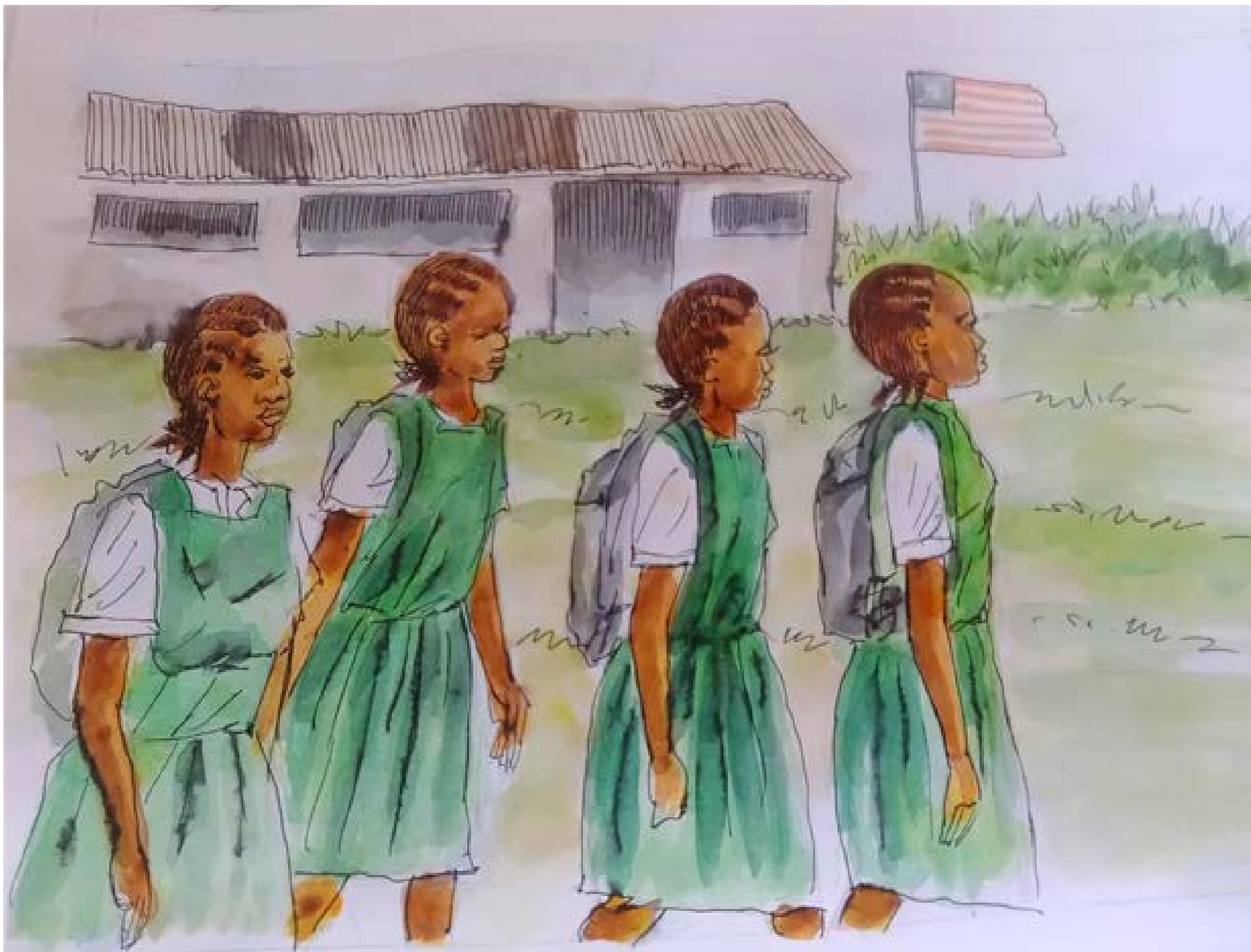
After Joetta explained to her friends how your family celebrates Christmas, they all laughed and said, that is a great way to celebrate Christmas. Catherine, one of Joetta's friends said, "My family also celebrates Christmas but in a different way." "Please tell us how your family celebrates," her friends said.



During the Christmas holiday, my family travels to our village where many people don't have gifts and money to celebrate the Christmas. My mom and dad buy gifts and share with them.



“What a great way to celebrate Christmas,” Joetta said. “It is good to share with others who do not have anyone to buy them gifts for Christmas.”



When Joetta reached home, she said, "Mom, dad, I want us to celebrate Christmas differently this year." "What do you want this year for Christmas?" her dad asked.



I want our family to buy gifts for some people who have nobody to buy them gifts especially boys and girls that are physically challenged. "Wow! That is a great idea," Joetta's mom said.



"We will travel to few motherless children's home and buy gifts for them. Will that make you happy?" Joetta's father asked. Yes, yes, that is all I want for Christmas.



Reading Level: Advance (Age 5 -10)

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Synopsis

Children are going home for the Christmas holidays. They are making plans how they will spend their Christmas break.

