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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.

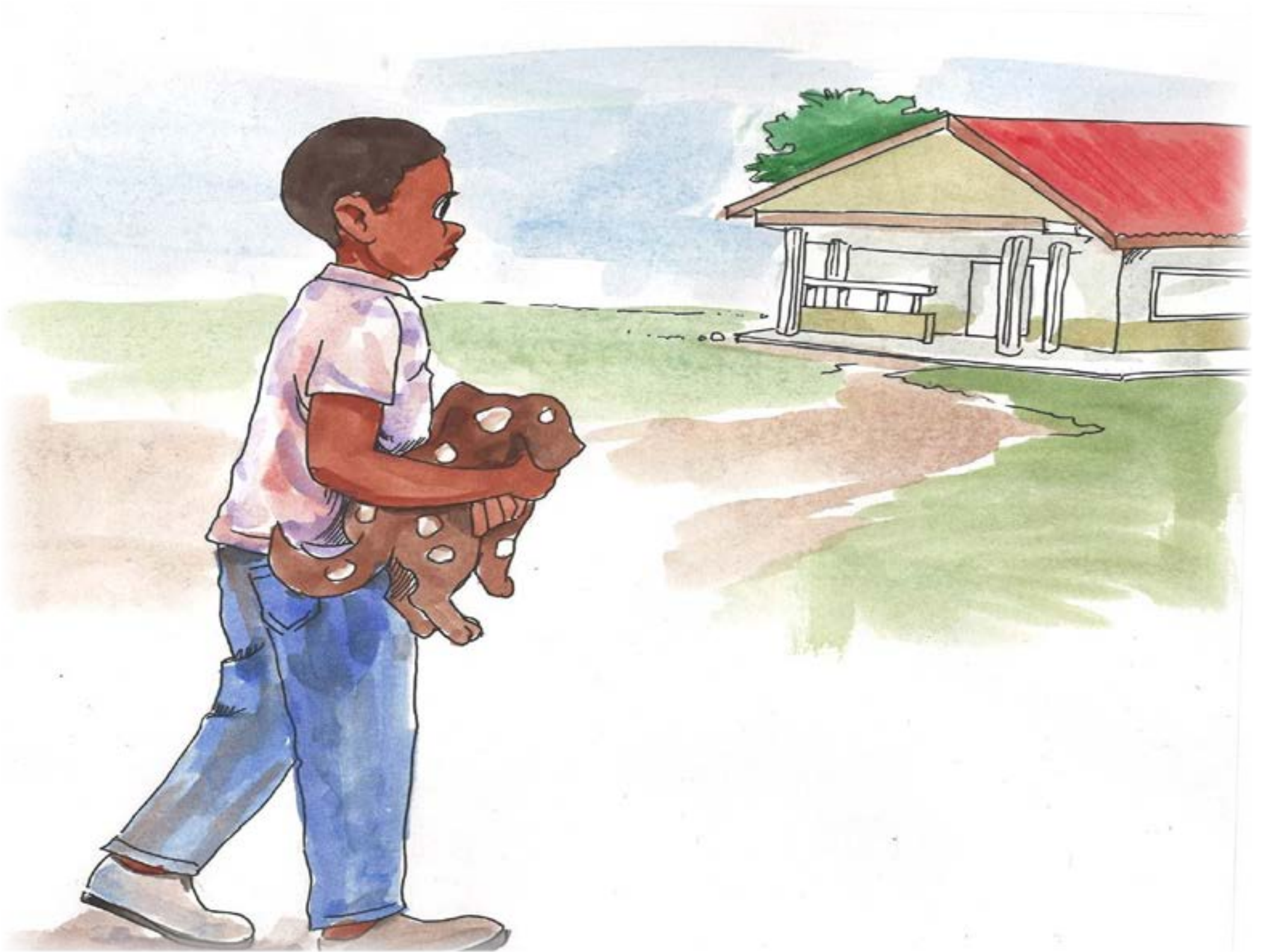
The books come in three categories or levels:

- 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

Leela father bought a puppy for her one day after work.



She named her puppy Cucu. Cucu was brown with white spots on its body.



Every morning and evening, Leela would feed Cucu with milk.



After drinking the milk, Cucu would go looking for socks and shoes to chew.



She would take daddy's shoes and socks from under Leela's bed and chew.



She would take mammie's shoes and slippers to chew as well.



Cucu will chew on Leela's mom and dad things but, would place Leela's shoes and socks to where they belong.



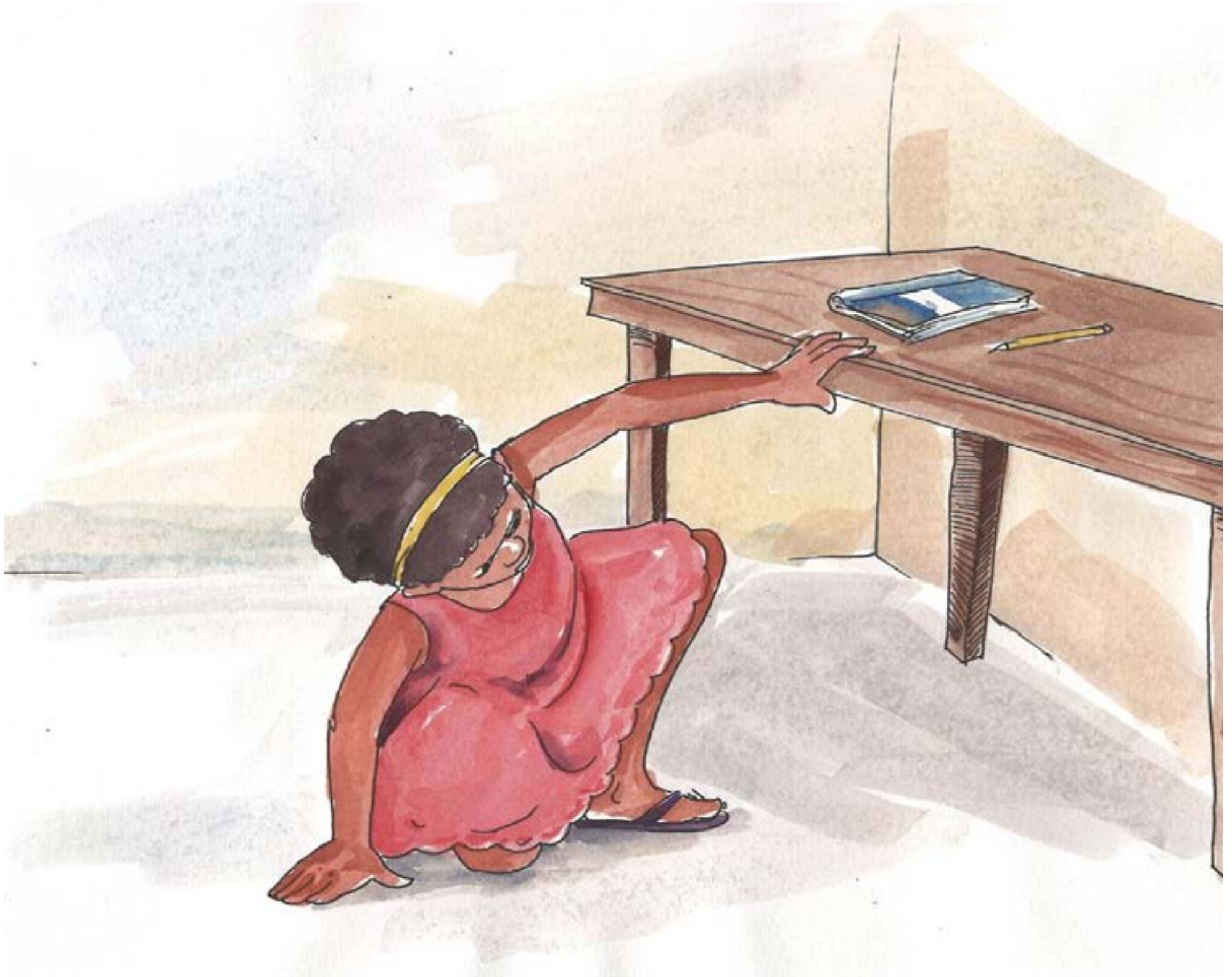
Dad asked one morning, "Where are my shoes, I cannot find them." "Oh! I am sorry daddy. Let me search for them," Leela said.



She looked under the chair, but she did not see her dad's shoes.



She looked under the table, but she did not see his shoes.



Then she remembered and ran to Cucu's dog house. As soon as Cucu saw Leela, she ran to her.



Leela picked Cucu up and went to her house. She found her dad shoes partly damaged from Cucu's chewing. "See what you have done to daddy shoes," she said to her puppy.



Leela told her daddy that Cucu had chewed his shoes. "Wow! I think Cucu needs something to chew."



"Let's get her a toy bone," Leela shouted. "That way, Cucu will stop chewing shoes or slippers."



So the family bought Cucu a toy bone and the little puppy was so happy.

Reading Level: Beginner (Age 5 -6)

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Synopsis

Cucu has a strange habit. See how Leela got to change her dog.

