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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

The development and production of these books were made possible through the Bureau of Early Childhood Education of the Ministry of Education, with support from the Global Partnership for Education with funding from the World Bank. The eBooks and the accompanying audio books were designed by WE-CARE Foundation, a local educational NGO.

To access these early childhood books online, please go to the Ministry of Education website: [www.moe.gov.lr](http://www.moe.gov.lr)

My name is Joel Bahtokpah. I live with my parents in Duazon, Margibi County.



I am a special child, because I have autism. Autism is a brain disorder.



I cannot speak or identify any feelings. But I eat well.



I eat enough food. I eat different fruits and vegetables.



The food I eat helps my body get energy. It also helps my body to stay healthy.





I grow up strong because I eat well.



Reading Level: Advance (Age 5 -6)

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## Synopsis

Joel has autism. See how he gets by day by day with this brain disorder.

