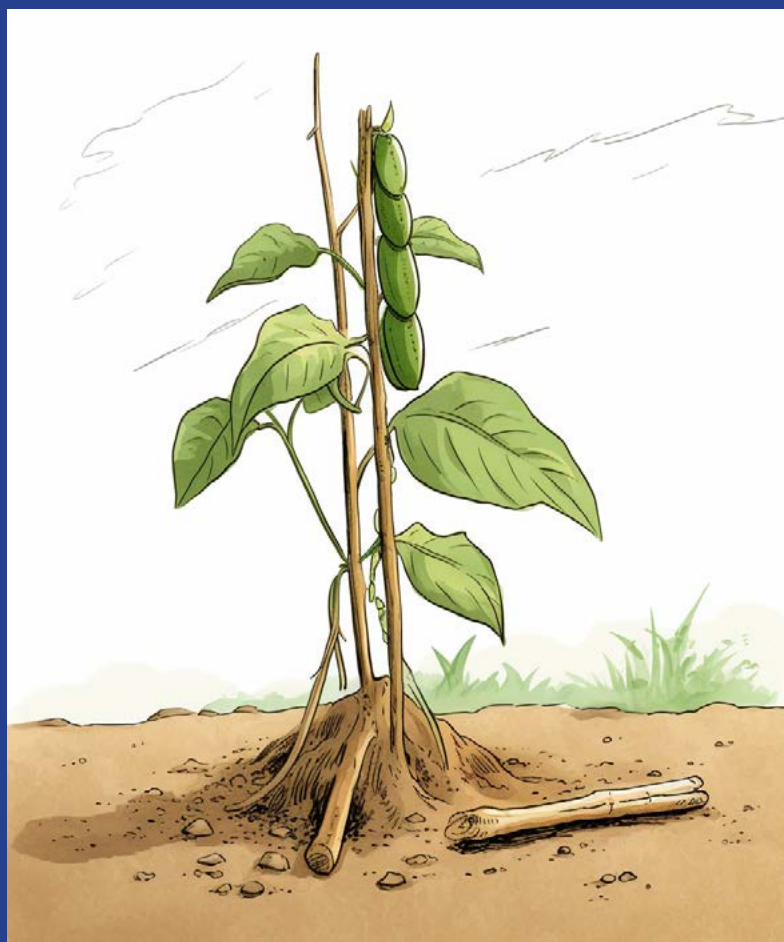


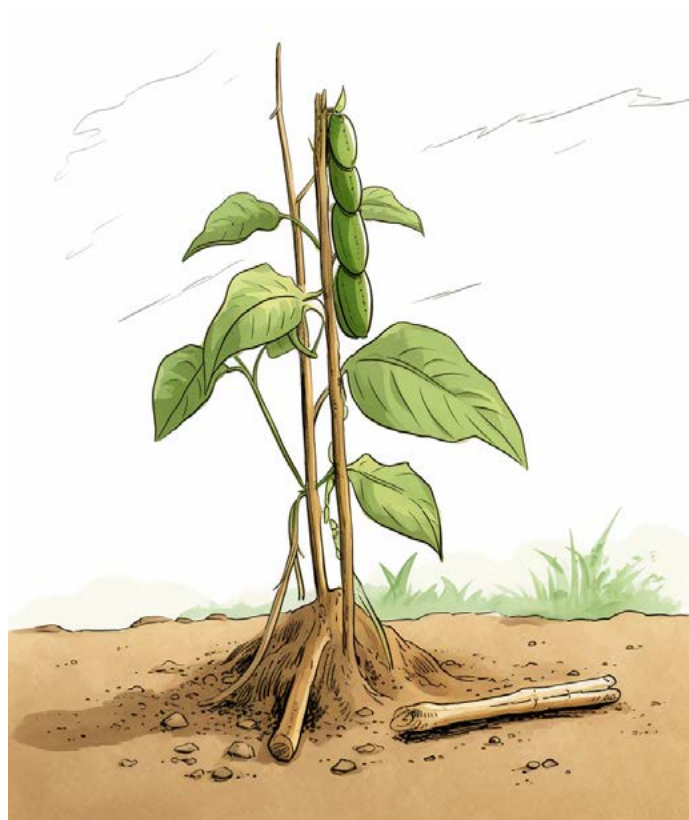
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Introduction for Ministry of Education Online Early Childhood Education Teaching and Learning Materials

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.

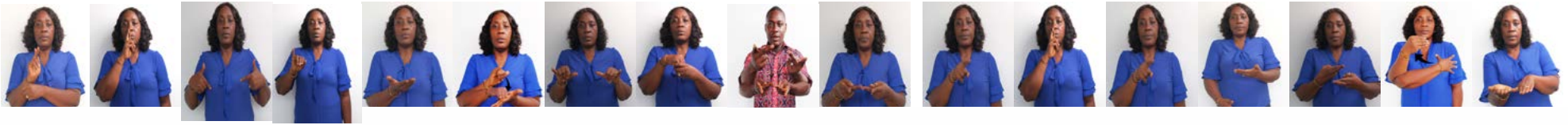
The books come in three categories or levels:

- 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

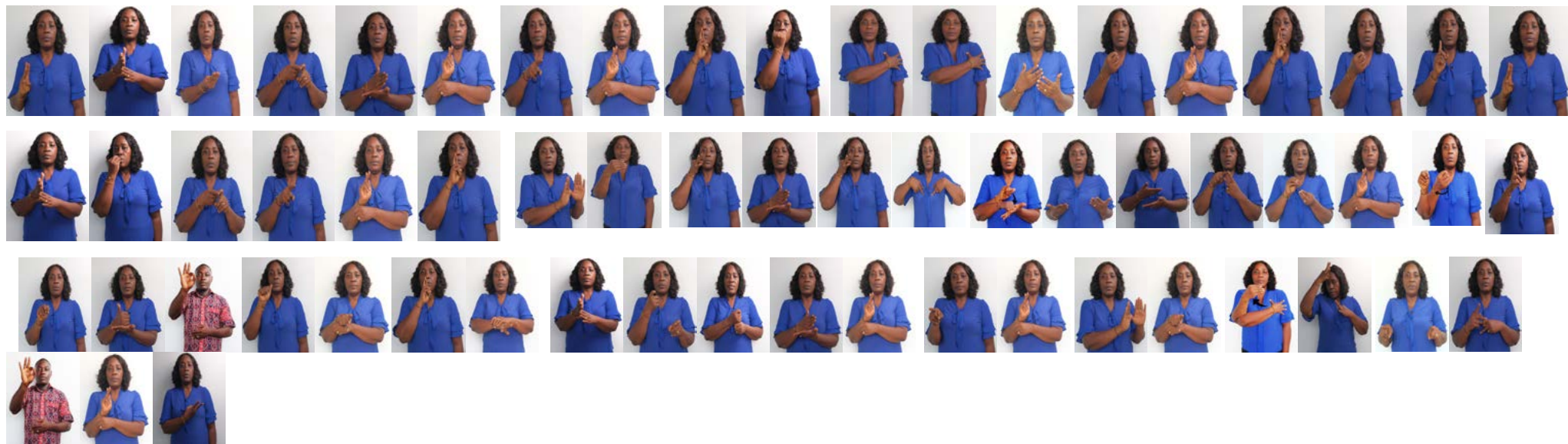
Plants are living things that stay in one place. They are planted, grow, reproduce and die.



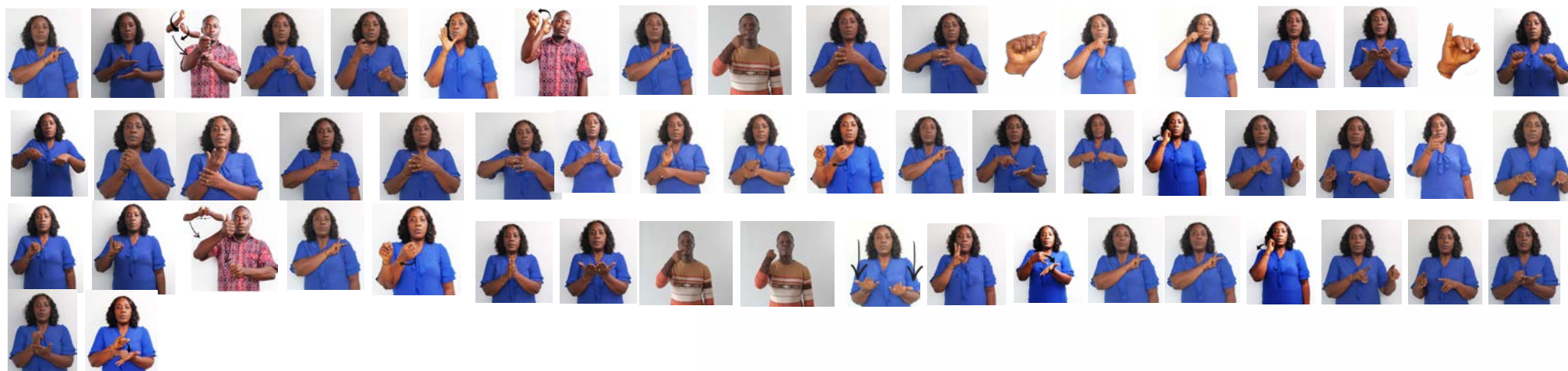
The parts of a plant are: root, stem, leaves and fruit. Some fruits have seeds that give life to more plants. There are different kinds of plants. We get medicine from some plants. Such plants include Moringa and fever leaf plants.



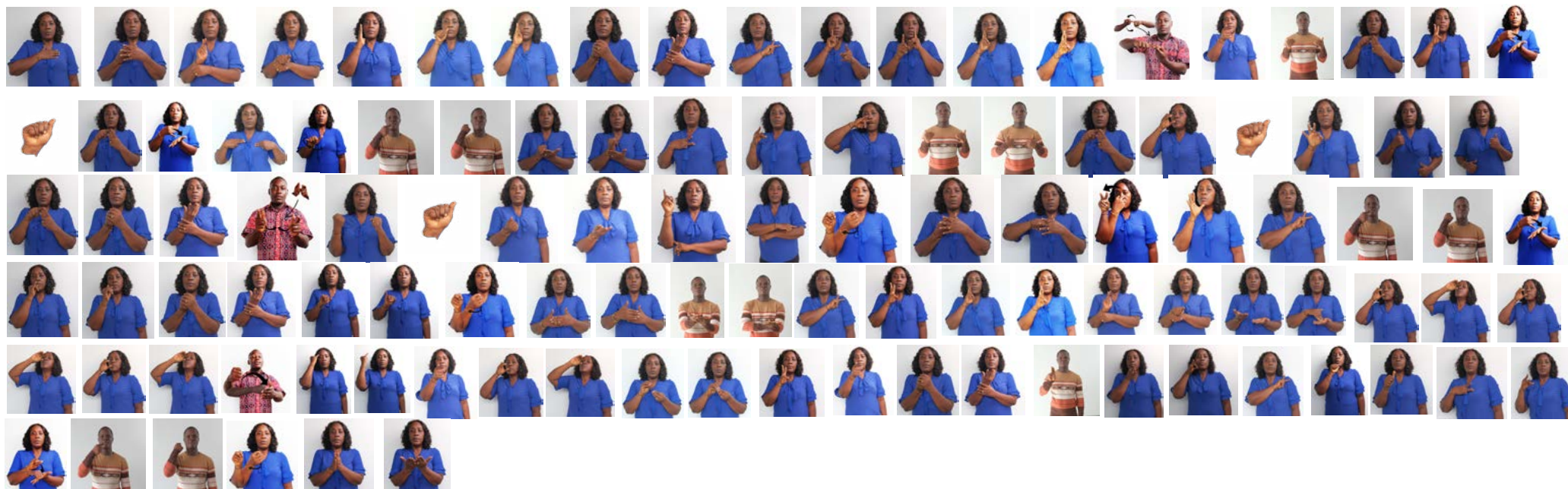
We use some plants for ornament and for decorations. Such plants include golden trumpet, orchids, and arcades. We get materials from some plants. Such plants include ebony, rattan, and mahogany. Some plants we get food from include corn, beans, and mangoes.



Kemah's birthday gift from Mama was special. "Wow!" Kemah said. "Brown beans and a gardening book! I can grow my own brown beans." First, plant the seed, Kemah read. So she did. "You're doing great, Kemah," the book said. "Now water it," Kemah read. "La la la!" Kemah sang as she did just that.

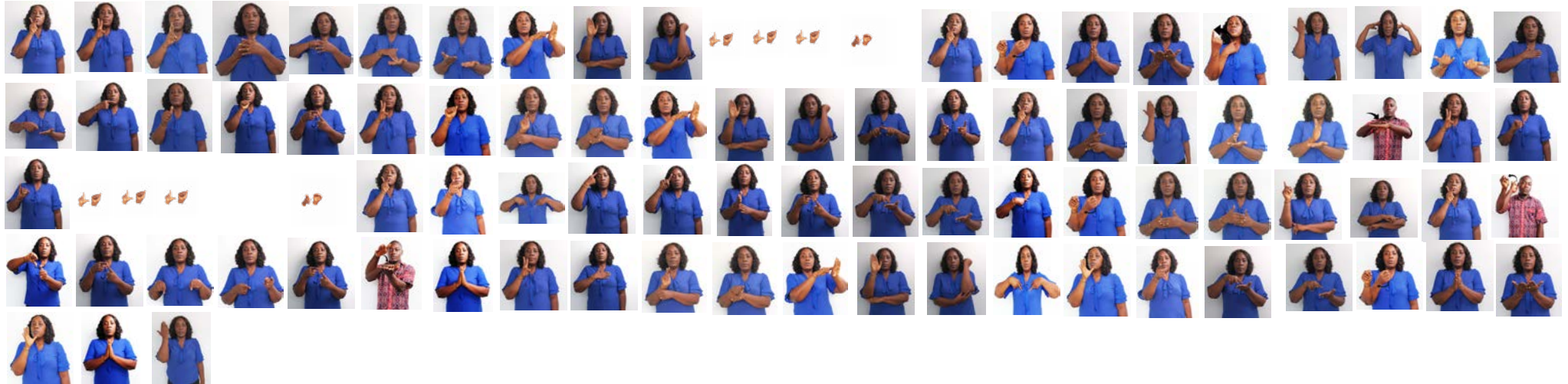


"My brown bean plant will soon grow," Kemah told her friends. "You have to water it a lot to keep it healthy," they said. "Just like kids have to drink a lot of milk to grow big and strong!" A few days later, the brown bean sprouted. "Look, Mama!" Kemah said. "It is growing!" The next morning, Kemah watered her plant again. "La la la! Drink, drink, drink!" she sang. "If you drink more water, you'll grow up fast!" "Oh, kemah, not like that!" said the book.

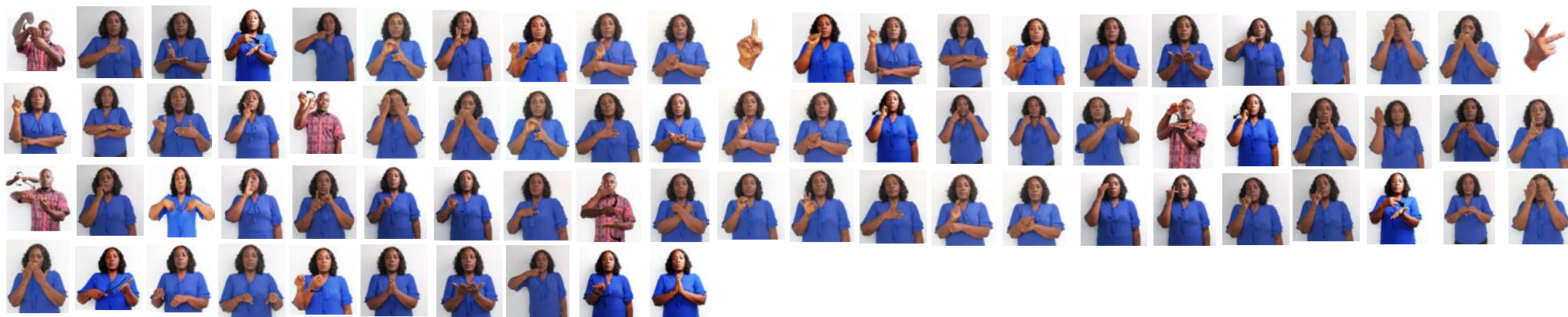


Kemah watered her brown bean again at noon. "La la la!" "Oh, Kemah!" the book said louder now. "My pages say not to water a plant at noon" But Kemah kept right on watering. "La La La La La!"

"Oh, Kemah! You've forgotten to read me!" The next day, Kemah was about to go to school. "Please water my plant at noon, Mama!" "Have you read the book?" Mama asked.



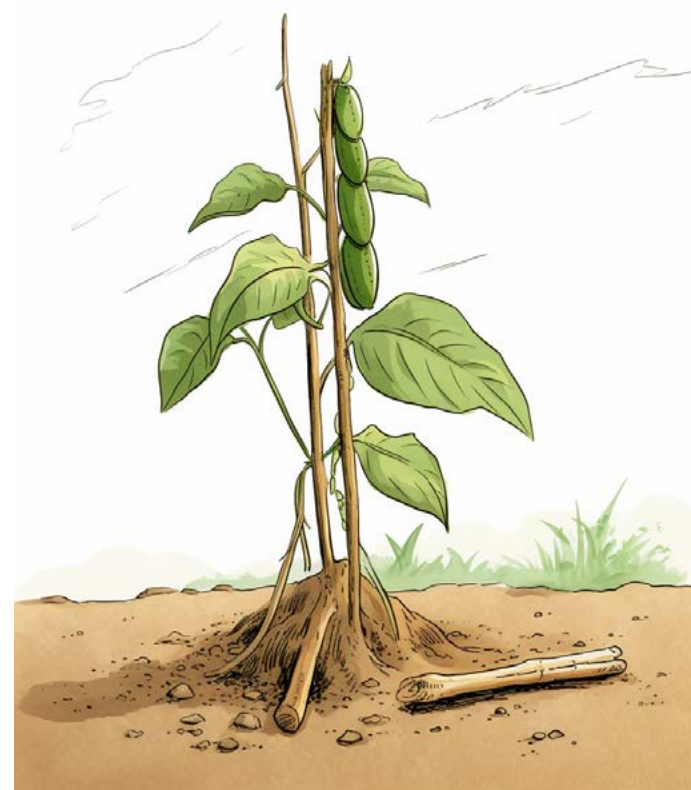
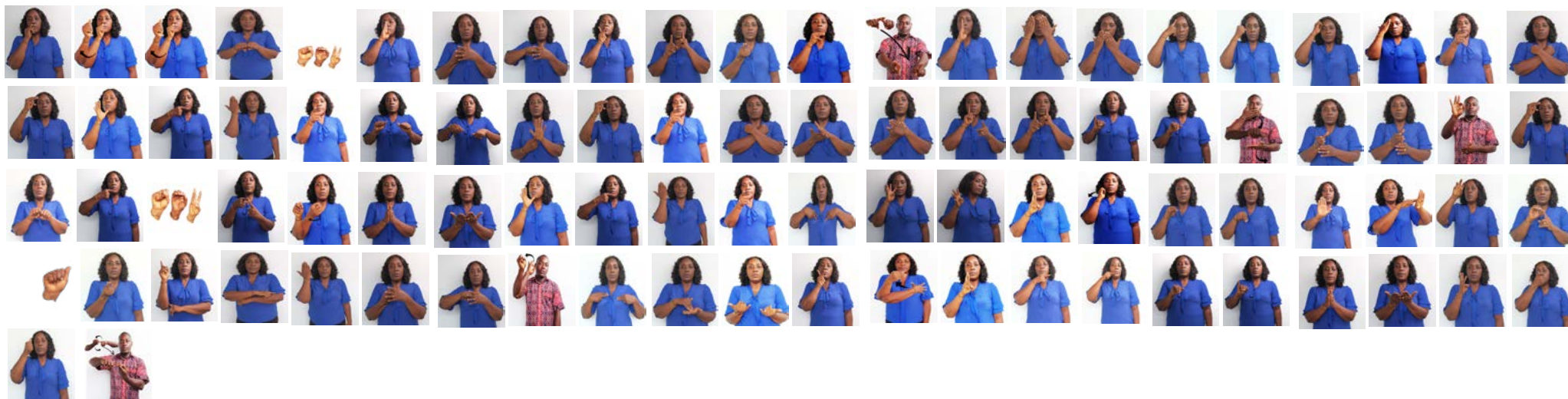
"In my pages it says to water the plant only once a day," the book said sadly. Three days later, Kemah was sad too. "My poor plant!" she cried. At school, she talked to her friends. "I've been taking such good care of my plant. Why is it so sad?" "What does the book say?" they asked.



"Oh," Kemah said, "I stopped reading it," At home, Kemah showed the plant to Mama. "I'm sorry, Mama," Kemah said. "I'm going to read the book now." "That's a great idea," Mama replied. Do not water the plant too much, or its root will become soggy. Kemah read. The leaves will then drop and turn brown.



"I'm so sorry, Brown Bean," Kemah whispered. "The plan won't be sad, because he knows you love him," Mama said. "You can show him your love by taking good care of him." "Also say sorry to the book," Mama said. "You have ignored her. She needs your attention too!" A few days later, Brown Bean was healthy again. Now Kemah and her gardening book were best friends.



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Synopsis

Follow Kemah as she plant her beans.

