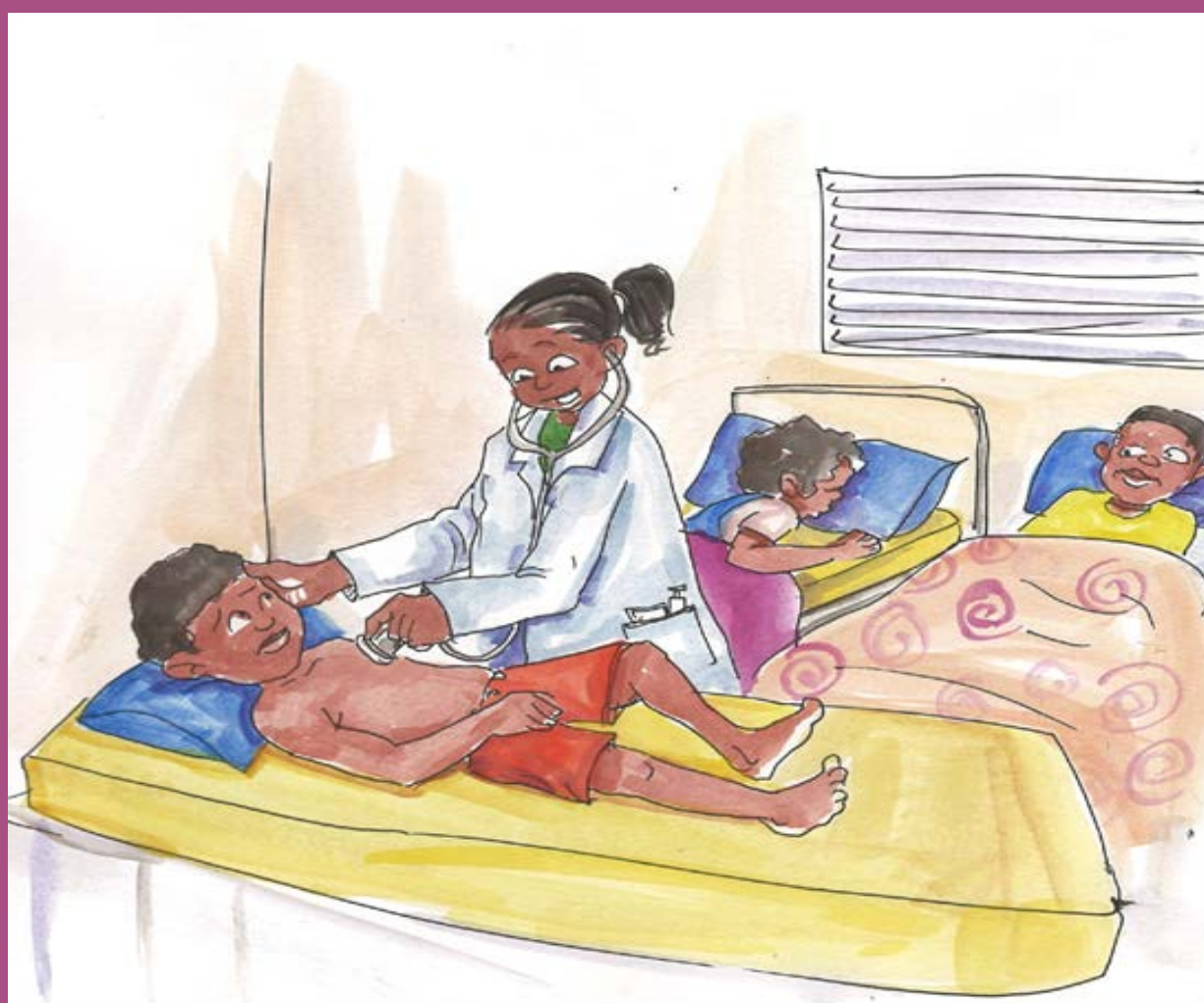


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Introduction for Ministry of Education Online Early Childhood

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

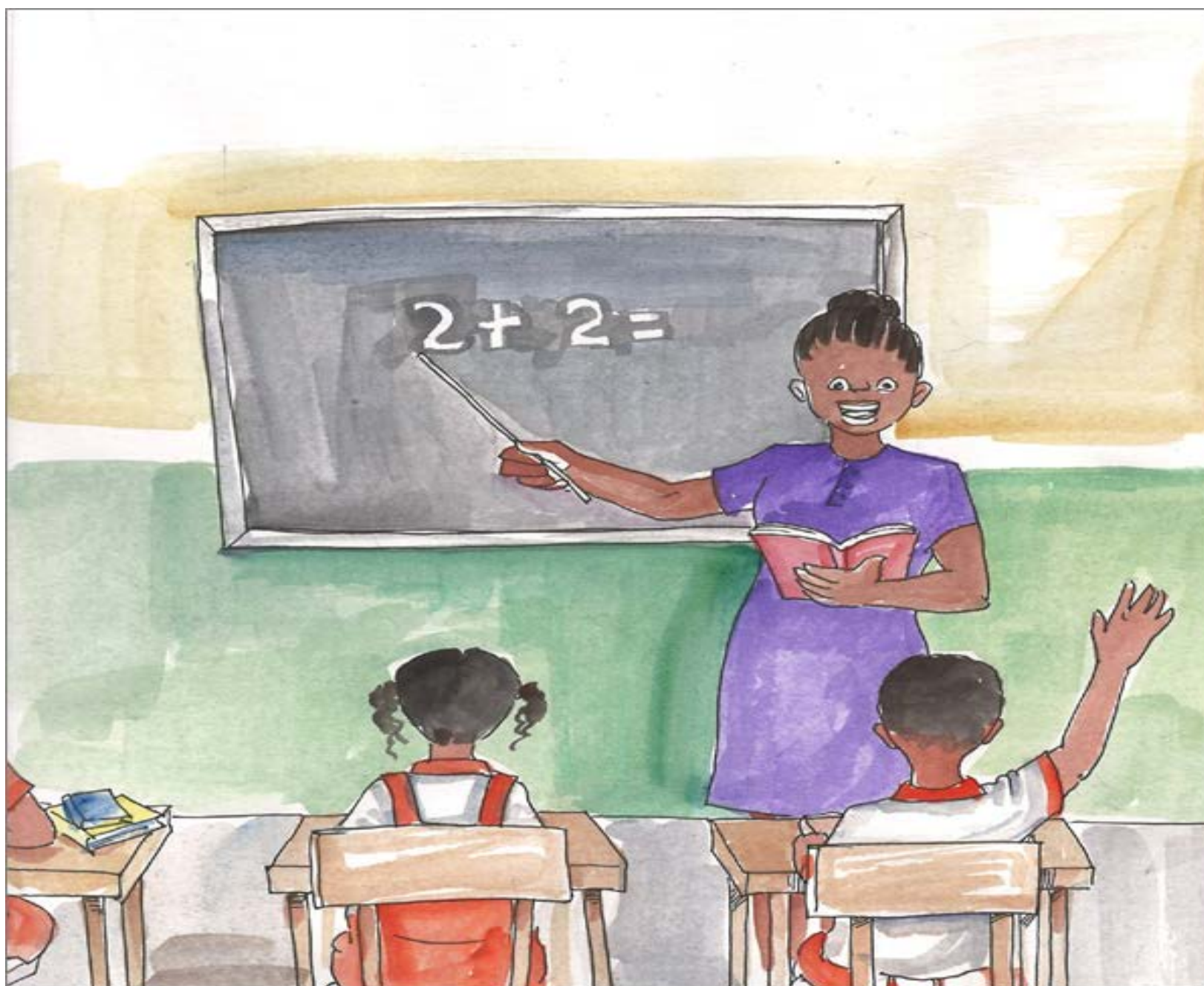
The development and production of these books were made possible through the Bureau of Early Childhood Education of the Ministry of Education, with support from the Global Partnership for Education with funding from the World Bank. The eBooks and the accompanying audio books were designed by WE-CARE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

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

My name is Kula. I am 5 years old. I am a student in J. C. N. Howard Early Childhood Center.



My teacher Mrs. Clarke came to class. She asked us to bring to class on the next day, a picture of whom we want to become when we grow up.



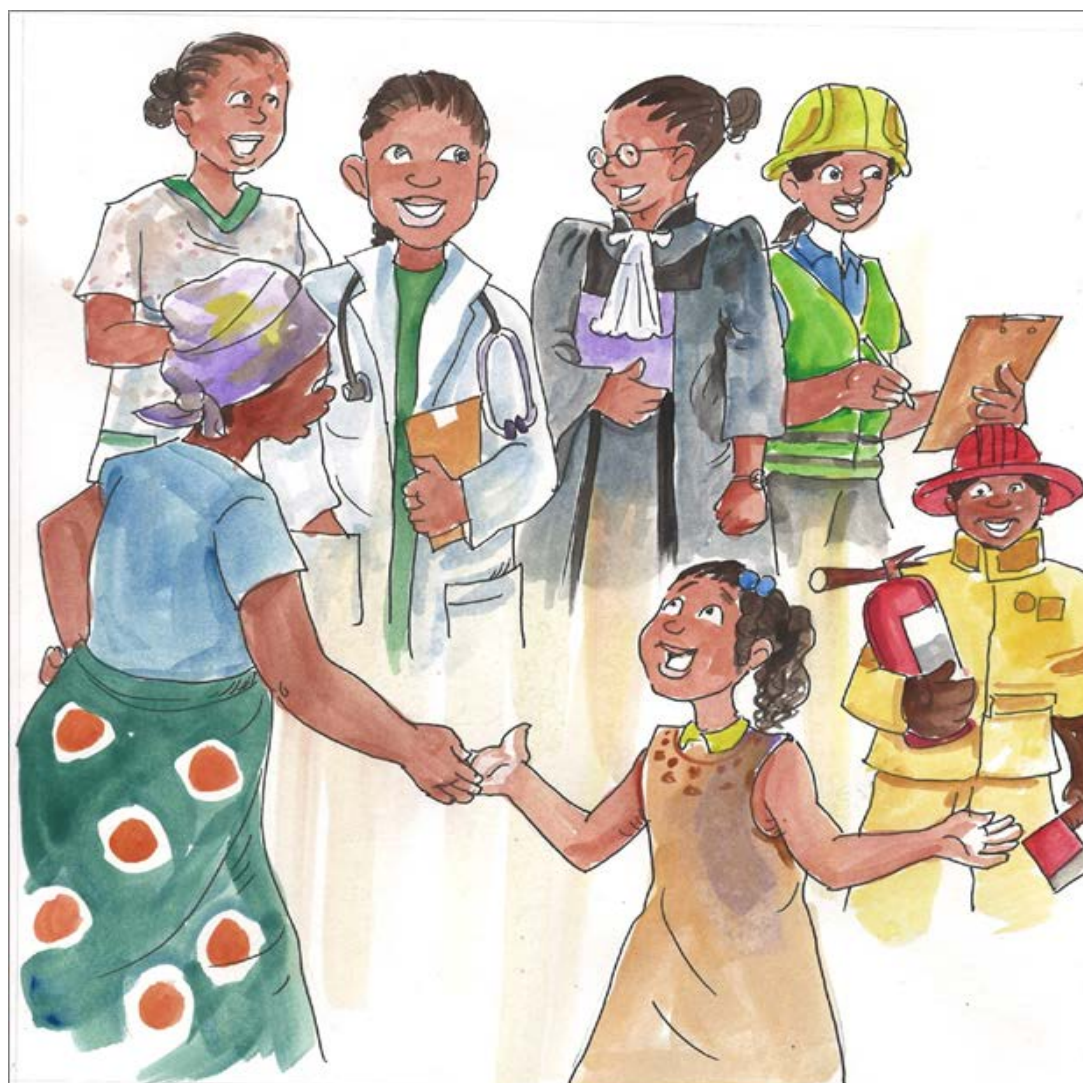
I went home thinking about who I want to become when I grow. My mom came home from work and met me sitting alone. "What is the problem, Kula?"



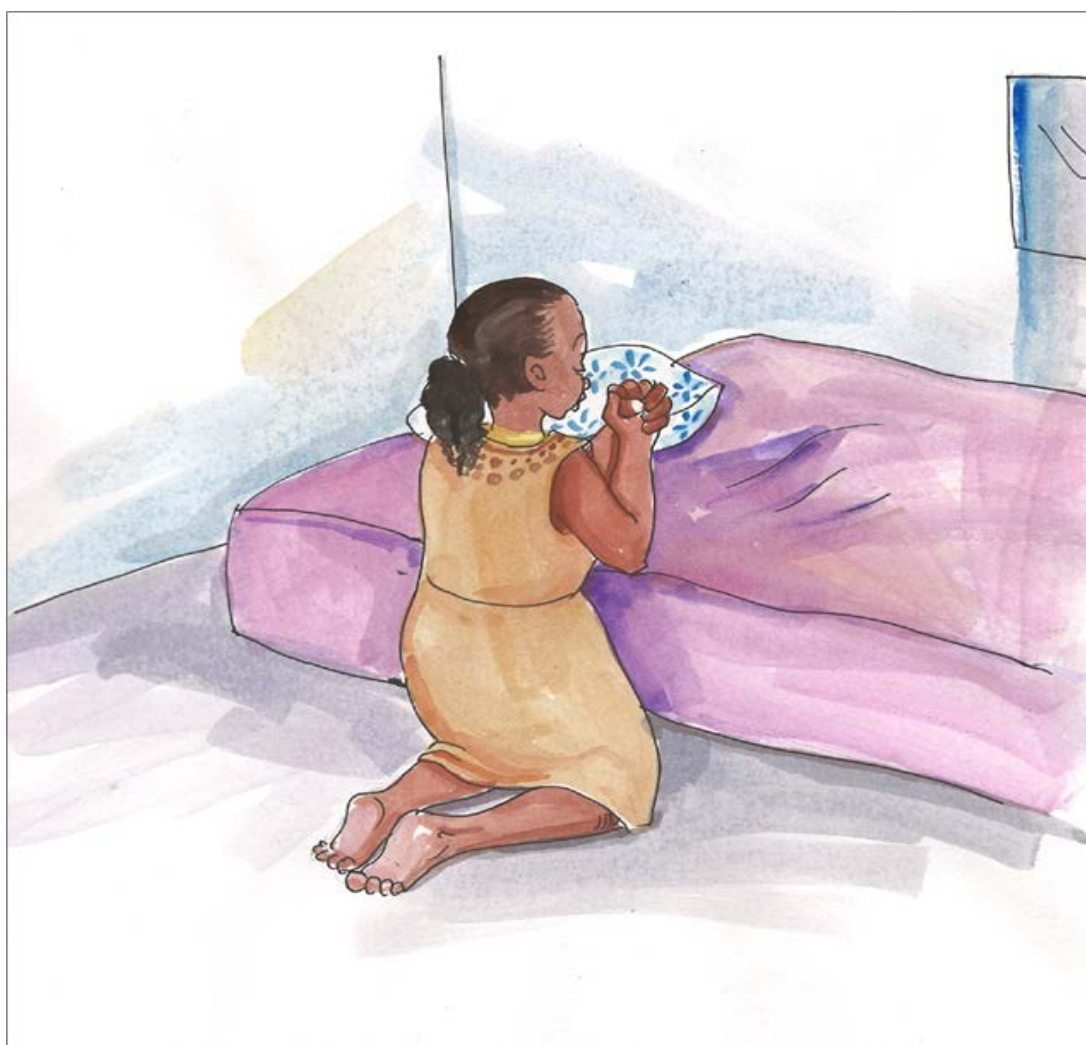
"Mommy, I am confused about whom I want to become when I grow up. My teacher wants us to come to class tomorrow with a picture of whom we want to become."



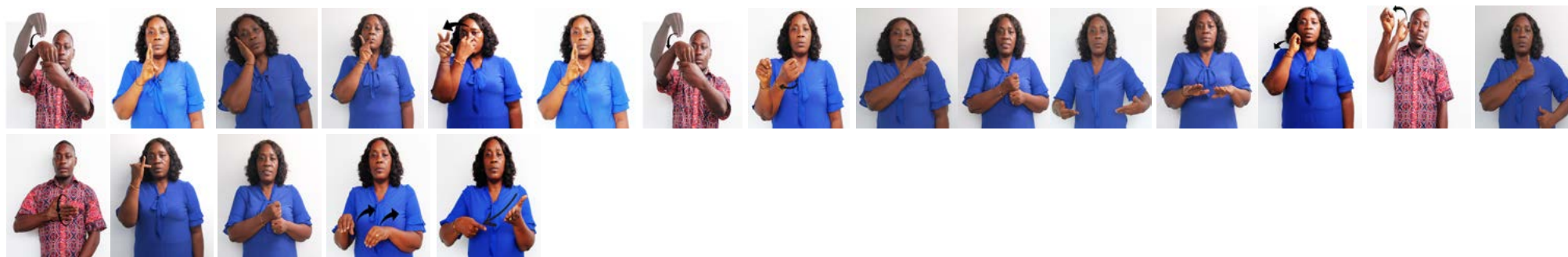
"Why are you confused Kula?" her mommy asked. "I am confused because I want to become a lot of people." "Wow! You must have a big dream. Who are some of the people you want to become?" "I want to become a doctor, lawyer, an engineer, a nurse, and a firefighter."



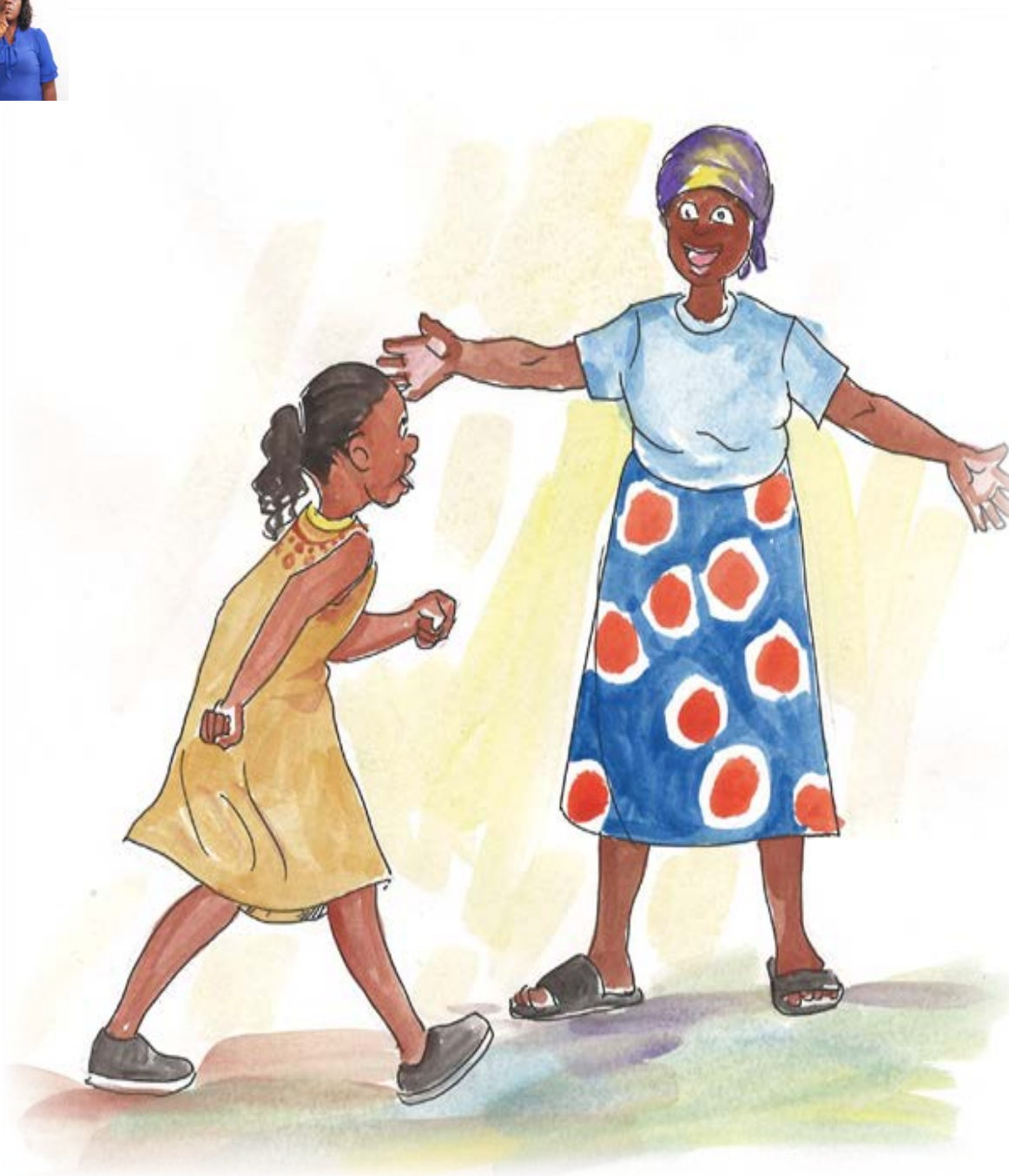
Kula mommy looked at her and said, "you really want to be a lot of people but for now, you can choose one." Kula told her mom, that she was going to bed, and in the morning, she will decide. While in her bed, Kula said a prayer to God. *Dear God, please show me who I want to become when I grow. Thanks for answering my prayer. Amen.*



In her dream, Kula saw herself in the hospital treating young children. She was so happy while doing that.



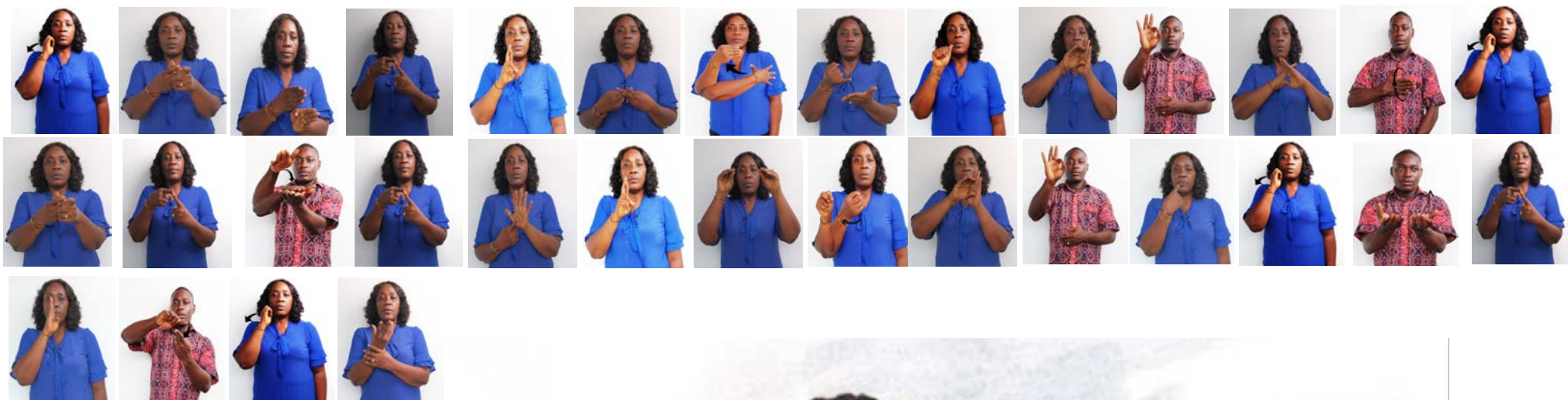
When Kula woke up, she ran to her mommy. "Mommy, mommy, I know who I want to be."
"Wow! What do you want to be when you grow up?" her mommy asked. "I want to be a
doctor that treats only young children." "Do you mean a pediatrician?"



"What is a pediatrician mommy?" Her mommy said a pediatrician is a special doctor that takes care of young children. "Yes, yes, that's who I want to be," Kula shouted.



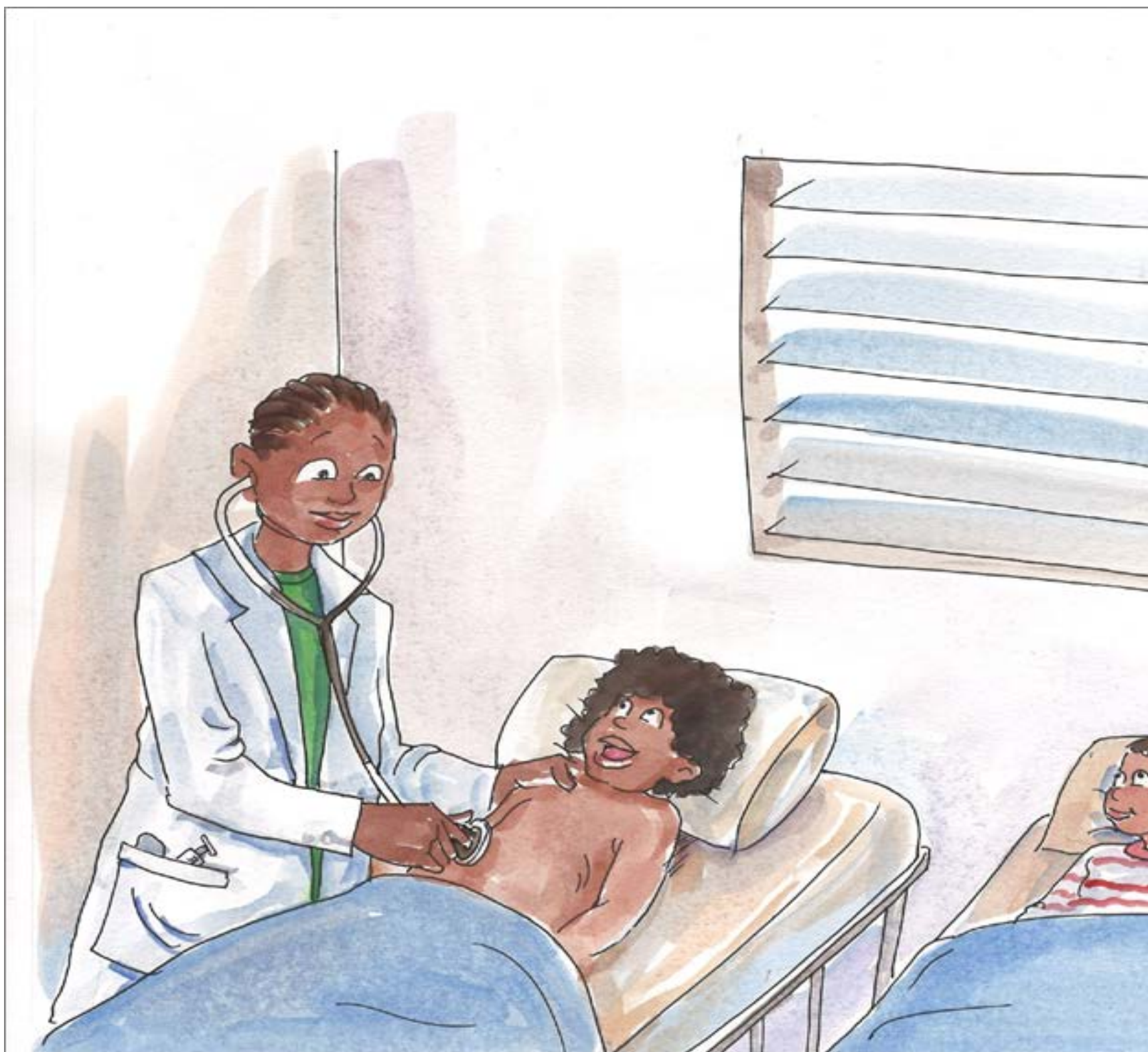
She ran back to her room and drew a picture of a pediatrician. Happily, she ran to school to show her teacher the picture of whom she wanted to be when she grew up.



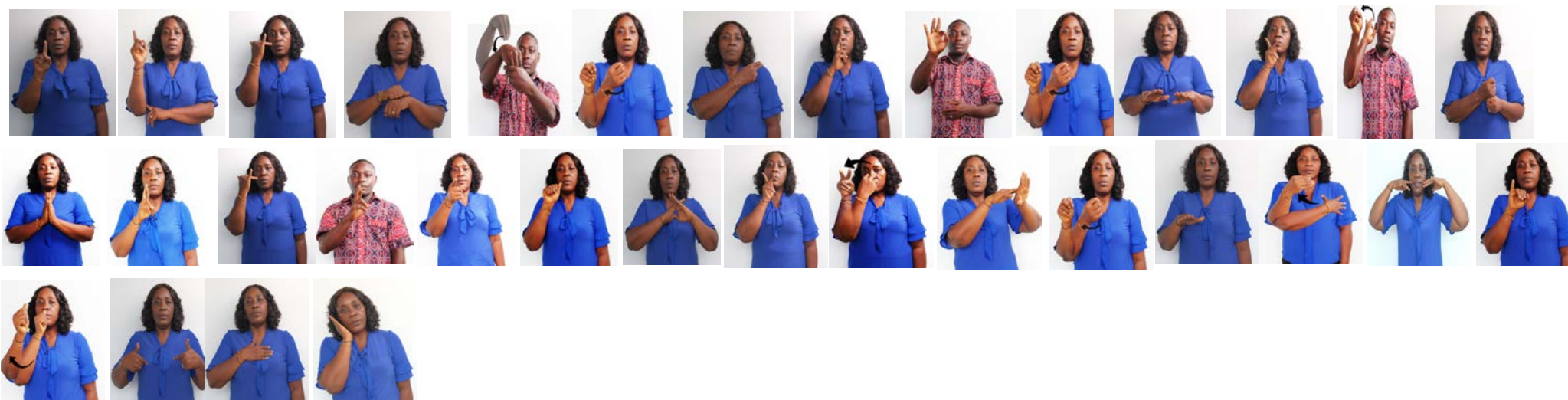
When Mrs. Clarke saw the picture that Kula showed her, she said to her, "if you study hard, you can be a great pediatrician."



After many years of studies, Kula finally became a pediatrician. She began working in the hospital treating young children in her community.



One day while working in the hospital, one of the children kula was treating asked her, "Why are you a pediatrician?" Kula looked at the child and smiled. "I am living my dream"



Reading Level: Beginner (Age 3 -4)

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Synopsis

Follow Kula as she realizes her dream of becoming a pediatrician, treating young children.

