

THE MARKET AND THE PLAYGROUND



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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

Mama takes me to the market. There are many shops and people. Some people go to buy. Some just look around. What will Mama do?





First, we go to the store. Mama buys rice, milk, sugar, and cornmeal. Mama carries the market bag.



Next, we stopped at the vegetable tables. "Are you buying vegetables, Mama?" I asked. "No," she says. "Come buy greens," one marketer says. "Fresh cabbages here," another one says.





Why did Mama stop here? Oh, they sell red oil here. I see a lot of containers of red oil. "Oil prices are high," Mama complains to the oil seller. She is not happy.





We get to the fish market. Some people don't like the smell. I love fish. See how the women are dressed. Do you see the fat cat? They just eat fish and get fat.





We stop at the meat market. Mama buys chicken and pig feet. I like ice cream. Do you think Mama will buy me some?



POT SHOP







"Are you going to a party?"

When there is



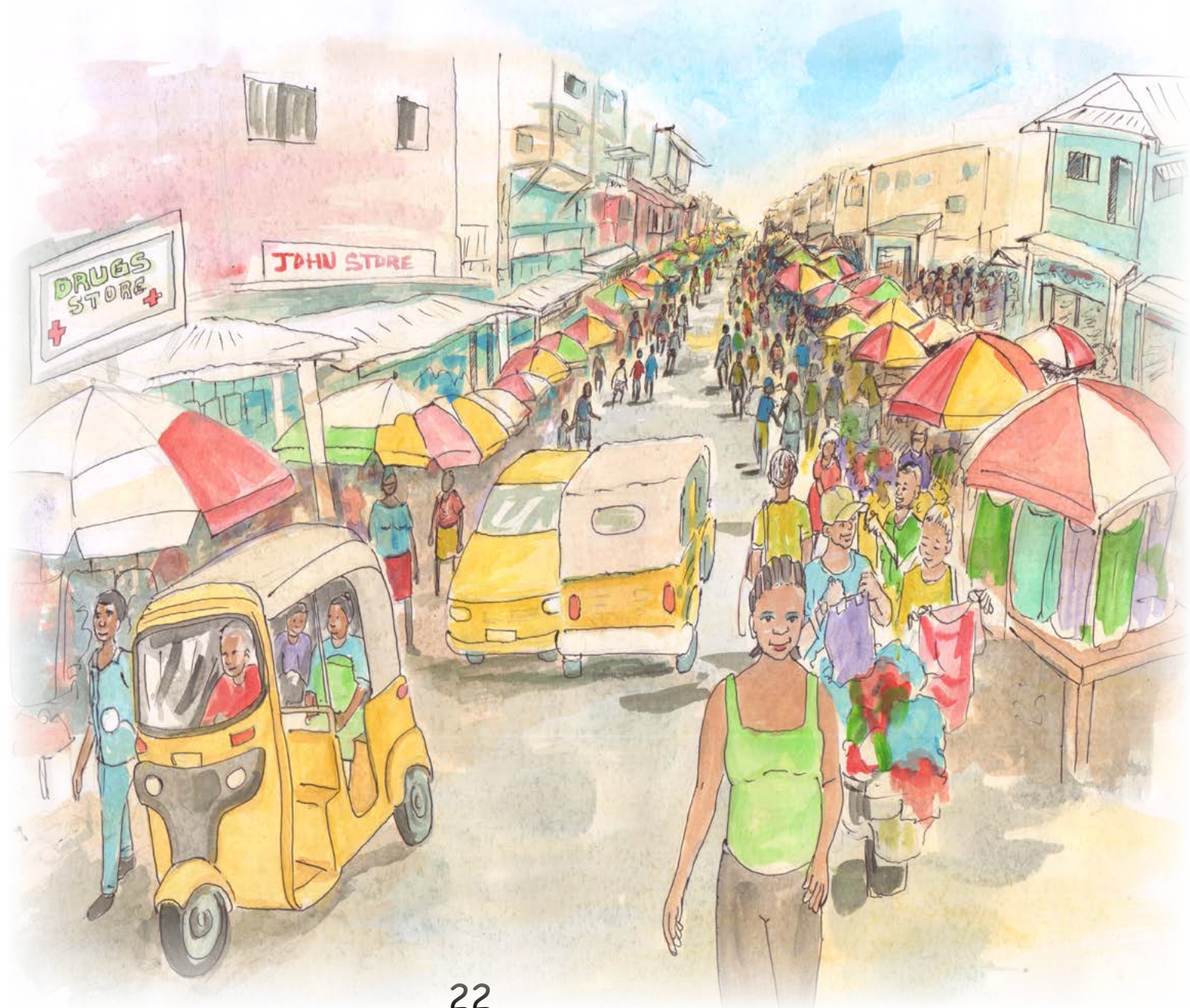


This is what I wanted, the toyshop! The teddy bear is so big. I want this scooter. I want this toy truck. I promise Mama that I will only look and touch. I will not ask for any toy today. I will get one on my birthday.





"Stop! Don't go into this store," I shouted. "Mama likes clothes stores. She checks the clothes. The storekeeper showed her many lappas. But Mama doesn't buy any."



Reading Level: Intermediate -Advance (Age 4 -6)

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TO THE MARKET

"This is what I wanted, the toyshop!" The teddy bear is so big. I want this scooter. I want this toy truck. I promise Mama, "I will only look and touch. I will not ask for any toy today. I will get one on my birthday."

Mama smiled and went into the toy store. "Take the color book" she said. I took the color book. My birthday had already started.

