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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

Yarmah was a baby who had all she needed to be well taken care of by her mom and dad. But at night, she would cry for hours.



Her mom and dad were very troubled over Yarmah's constant crying.
"Why do you think she cries at night?" her dad would ask his wife, but she didn't know why their daughter kept crying.



The more she was looked after, the more she cried.



They would put her in her bed, full of different toys but she would still cry.



They would put her in a swing, but she would still cry.



They would play music for her, but she would still cry.



Yarmah mom would sing all the make-up songs *Baby don't cry, mamie ... loves you so much,* but the song even got her angry more and she would still cry.



Dad would dance and rock her in his arms, but Yarmah would still cry. Holding her up, her dad would ask, "Do you want to eat rice now?" But Yarmah was too little to eat rice.



One night while in bed, Yarmah was still crying when a colorful bird sat at the window and began to sing. Soon Yarmah spotted the bird. She stopped crying and began to listen to the bird's singing. Her mom and dad noticed she stopped crying. They were surprised.



"Oh!" her mom and dad said together. "She loves the bird." They began smiling.
"We finally know what she wants!"



The next day, Yarmah's dad bought a colorful bird that sang for their daughter. From that day Yarmah did not cry anymore at night because she had her new pet.



Reading Level: Beginner (Age 3 -4)

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Synopsis

Read about Yarmah and her new pet.

