



Blessing **LEARNS TO SHARE**

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This is Blessing.

Blessing lives in the village in a little house with her daddy and her mummy. Her little sister Mary and her grandmother live with them too.





There is not a lot of space in their house. On the front of the house is a veranda where Blessing's mother sells soap and packets of milk and Ovaltine.



Inside the house there is a room where Blessing, Mary and Grandmother sleep. There is another room where Daddy and Mummy sleep.



At night when it is time to go to bed the girls unroll their mats and lie down on top of them. They have a blanket to spread over them if it is cool. Blessing likes to have a lot of room when she is sleeping.

She tells Mary to move over and give her more space.
Mary does not have a lot of room and Mary is smaller, but
Blessing wants more space for herself.





In the morning before they go to school Mummy makes something for Blessing and Mary to eat. Blessing and Mary are both hungry before they go to school. They both eat all the food in their bowls.

Blessing asks her mummy for more food. There is just a little bit left in the pot. Mary wants some too, but Blessing does not want to share it with her. When Mummy is not watching Blessing eats it all herself.



On the way to school the two girls walk together. Suddenly Mary stops and picks something up off the ground. "Look Blessing," she calls, "Look what I found! I found some Naira!!"



Blessing turns around to see. She is so surprised. "Mary, you found this Naira on the ground?" There was no one else on the path. The girls could not see anyone who may have dropped it.





"What are you going to do with the money, Mary?" Blessing asked.

Mary put it carefully in her pocket. "I don't know yet," she said. "I am going to think about it."

That afternoon on the way home from school the girls pass a boy carrying a bucket of donuts on his head. Mary remembers the Naira she found on the way to school this morning.





She asks the boy how many donuts she can have for her Naira. The boy says three!

Blessing watches Mary. She remembers how she ate all the rest of the rice this morning and did not share it with Mary. She remembers how she pushed Mary against the wall in their room last night because she wanted more space for herself.





But Mary is kind. She does not think about how Blessing did not share. She knows Blessing would like a snack too. She asks Blessing if she would like a donut.

Blessing is ashamed of how she had behaved.

When the girls come home Mary gives the last donut to Grandmother. Grandmother had not had a donut for a long time, and she likes them too.





While Blessing is doing her homework, she reads a verse in the Bible. It says, "For God loveth a cheerful giver." Blessing thought about Mary again and how she cheerfully gave away the donuts she had bought.

That is how God wants us to be, to share and give away cheerfully. Quietly she prayed and asked God to help her to share what she has, to be willing to give to others, and to not keep everything for herself.





That evening Mama was cooking noodles and red meat. Daddy came home and they all sat on the veranda to eat together. The noodles and red meat tasted so good and it was Blessing's favorite.

There was one piece of meat left in the big pot and Blessing knew Daddy had worked very hard today and he had not had a snack like she had. She did not take the last piece of meat, but she scooped it out of the pot and gave it to her daddy with the rest of the noodles.





Daddy was surprised that Blessing did not take it for herself. He smiled at Blessing and said, "Thank you my daughter, I see that you have learned something today. You have learned to give cheerfully."

Blessing smiles
at her daddy,
she is much
happier to give the
food away than to
keep it for herself.



A verse to memorize:



ALSO
AVAILABLE:



BRIGHT
LEARNS TO
BE KIND



GLORY
LEARNS TO
OBEY



GREAT
GETS A
CLEAN
HEART



VICTOR
LEARNS TO
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