MIKE'S PATH TO SUCCESS

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FOREWORD

Meet Onu-Samuel Faithjoy, a talented young author who weaves her skills into captivating stories. Her book, "Mike's Path to Excellence," is a must-read for every child striving for academic success. Through engaging storytelling, Faithjoy conveys a powerful message, teaching young readers the true meaning of excellence.

The story emphasizes that hard work and determination are essential to achieving great results. As the saying goes, "Success comes with a price," and Mike's journey shows that overcoming past failures is possible with perseverance. Discover how Mike achieves excellence despite the odds, and let this inspiring tale motivate you to reach your full potential.

Every child should read this book!

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CHAPTER ONE

THE BIRTH OF THE CHILDREN PART 1

Once upon a time in the valley of Udokah, there lived a family named Mr. & Mrs. Echema, who had been married for fifteen years but had no children. One morning the wife, Mrs. Gloria Echema went to the church to meet the pastor privately. "Good morning, sir," said Mrs. Echema.. ‘’Good morning, my daughter,’’ said the pastor. I know you’ve come because you have no child, said the pastor.

Yes, sir, replied Mrs. Echema. ’You will have a child," said the pastor. "I believe, sir, by his grace," said Mrs. Echema. ’Alright, after nine months you will have a child, 'said the pastor. ‘’Thank you, sir,’’ said Mrs. Echema. ‘’You can now leave,’’ said the man. ‘’Thank you,’’ said Mrs. Echema.’’

Words to understand: church, a place of worship for Christians.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the village

2. What is the name of Mr. Echema's wife?

3. Who said that you will have a child?

CHAPTER TWO

THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD PART 2

Nine months later, Mrs. Echema felt a pain in her right stomach; she noticed it was a child that was kicking her. So, she and her husband agreed to go to the hospital. The doctor said that she had successfully given birth to twins, two boys. The father was overjoyed when he heard the news. Eight days later, they had already prepared for the naming ceremony of the twins. Among the two children, Mike was the eldest. Mike was a very lazy boy both at school and at home.

Today is Saturday. Mike hasn't done his homework but was playing football. On the other hand, Miracle had done his homework and was reading his book. His brother reminded him of it, but he kept on saying, I'll do it.

Moral Lesson: We should not be lazy.

Words to understand.

Noticed: To observe

Successful: Through success.

Overjoyed: more than enough joy

QUESTIONS

1. After how many months did Mrs. Echema give birth?

2. Who was the eldest among the twins?

3. What are the names of the children?

CHAPTER THREE

DAY OF PUNISHMENT

On Monday morning Miss Esther asked his teacher if he had done and submitted his book, but he said no. "Today we are talking about laziness," said Miss Esther at High Fountain Nursery and Primary School. Laziness could bring punishment, Miss Esther said as she explained the rest of the story. The teacher told the children,.

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Akin. He was a very lazy boy; he was always punished, so what did you learn? During that time Mike was playing, pinching his friend; they were later punished. During break time his teacher asked him why he did not do his homework. He was punished as he remembered what his brother said. On the other hand, Miracle was doing well at school in primary two.

Moral Lesson: Laziness brings punishment.

Words to understand.

Submitted: Give out

Punishment: Consequences

QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the school?

2. What class is Miracle?

3. What is the name of the teacher?

CHAPTER FOUR

TIME TO CHANGE

In primary six, which is Miracle and Mike's class. The headmaster came to announce that the common entrance is in eight months, and whosoever passes with good grades will win a scholarship to college. Mike was not ready; he kept on going with his bad friends and wasn’t even ready for the exam. He failed woefully and had to repeat the class. On the other hand, Miracle passed his exam and was promoted to college on a scholarship.

Moral Lesson: We must be hardworking.

QUESTIONS

1. What class were Mike and Miracle in?

2. Who won the scholarship?

3. Is it good to be lazy?

CHAPTER FIVE

THE HIDDEN TRUTH

Mike was not happy with his failure; he regretted and repented of his laziness and bad behavior. Miracle was in JSS1; he did his best to make the teacher happy during their test on the first day of the test when they were rounding off. Some of his classmates who mocked him planned on how to accuse him; one of them accused him of cheating.

Miracle said that he did not cheat; the class was divided into two, some said he did, while some said he did not. At the end of the day, Miracle went home to tell his mother, and his mother encouraged them to believe in God, that the truth would soon be found out. Mike, on the other hand, improved during their test. Mike was accused of stealing his teacher's money. They put their teacher's money in his bag so that if their teacher starts looking for it, they will lie that it is in his bag, and his teacher will punish him.

Moral lesson: We should believe in God and be diligent in our work.

Words to understand.

Graduate means to move from one level (class) to another level.

Mock to abuse

Cheat to deceive

Accuse blasphemy

Rounding off closing

QUESTIONS:

What class is Mike in?

What class is Miracle?

Is it good to mock someone?

What did they accuse him of?

CHAPTER SIX

Mike's last day at primary school

On the graduation day, Mike was really happy that he was going to a higher class to do better. His mother and brother, Miracle, were present on the occasion. He was so happy to be leaving the school that his mates who accused him of cheating and stealing were so ashamed because Mike did well in his examination. Mike was to say a speech on if he likes the school. He said yes but complained about some things.

They sang songs for the graduating pupils to round off the occasion. The truth was eventually found out when one of the accusers confessed that they were the one that put their teacher's money inside Mike's bag and asked him for forgiveness. The last day of school for Mike went smoothly, and then they started their holiday.

Moral lesson: We should always put our trust in God.

Words to understand

Happy joyous

Holiday a day or a few days to rest

Forgiveness pardon

Repentance turns from once behavior.

QUESTIONS

Mike happy on his last day at primary school?

Did one of the accusers confess?

Did the mother and his brother present at the occasion?

GLOSSARY

CHAPTER ONE

Married: engaged

Pastor: the leader in Christian worship

CHAPTER TWO

Prepared: ready

Ceremony: Occasion party

Remind: remember

CHAPTER THREE

Laziness: act of being lazy

Explained: described

CHAPTER FOUR

Scholarship: an amount of money given to someone by an organization to help pay for his/her education.

Announce: give information about something

Promote: encourage

CHAPTER FIVE

Graduate: It means to move from one level (class) to another level.

Mock: to abuse

Cheat: to deceive

Accuse: to say that someone is guilty

Improved: to become better than before

Intelligent: good at learning, understanding, and thinking in a logical way about things

CHAPTER SIX

Ashamed: feeling shame or embarrassment about someone or something

Complained: to say that you're annoyed or unhappy about something or somebody.

Smoothly: in an even way without suddenly stopping or starting again.