

Treat Every Child Like Your Own

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Pre-reading questions:

- What things are you thankful for?
- Has there ever been a time that a stranger has helped you?

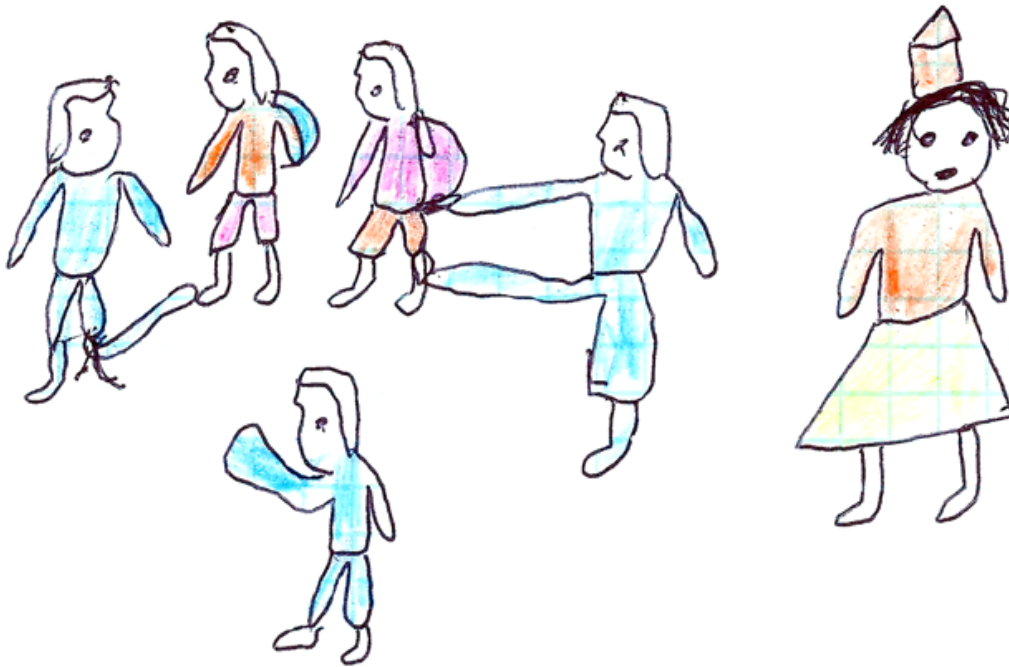
One day, some students were **kicking** a ball along the road while going to school. Ali, Mugabo, and Masabo **kicked the ball** at some **street children** who were cooking food near the road. The ball hit the **can** that they were cooking in.



When they went to pick up the ball, one street child said, “Please be careful! Don’t cover us in **ashes!**”

One street child began to beat Masabo's foot and Masabo's cries immediately rose out of him.

A woman in the market heard the cries and asked them, "What is the matter?"



"These students have **wasted** our food and **beat us up**," one street child replied.

The woman told the students, "You are all good-looking because your parents care for you and you have schooling, **whereas** these are street children."

Then she told the street children, "Tomorrow I will return and help find your families. For those of you who don't have any, I will find you places to live."

The woman brought one child to her home and kept him, but this is not the end of the story. There will always be children that have to live on the streets. The street children and the students will have an **opportunity** to end this story **someday**.

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