

Changing THE WAY WE *care*SM



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Introduction

This handbook was made for children to read and write in. We hope you like it!

The story of Tito and his family will help you learn about why families are important and the best place for children to grow up. Children like Tito, who have special and different abilities, also need families just like you!

Sometimes, families like Tito's need help to take care of their children. That's okay. Families have the right to this help and they should ask for help whenever they need it. It's okay to need help!

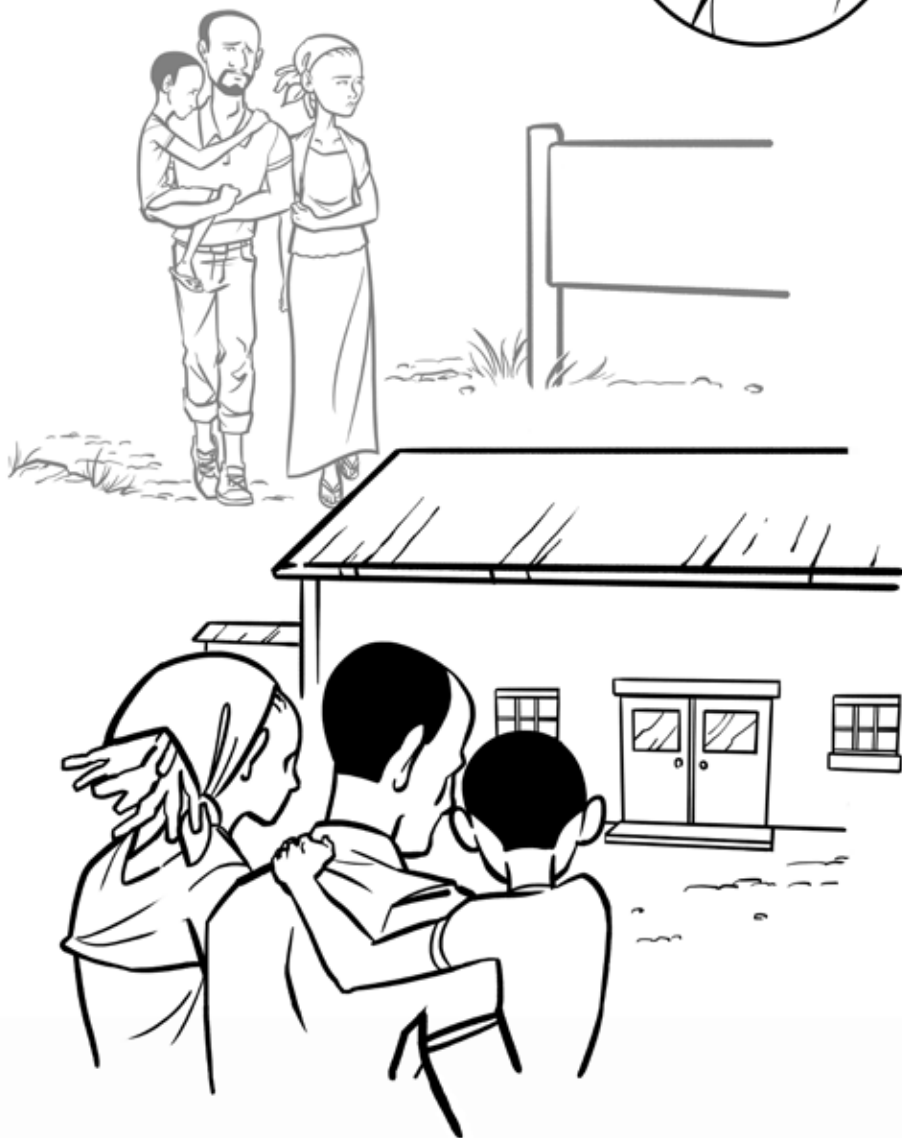
Children also need help sometimes. That's okay! We all need help sometimes. Children have the right to this help. Grown-ups, like parents or the other adults children live with, neighbors, teachers and others, should ask children their opinions about the help they need. Children need to be able to give their opinions about where they feel safe living and with whom.

This book is fun! You can read it together with your friends or brothers and sisters, your parents or other grownups in your house. You'll learn about why families are important and why they are the best place for children to grow up. You can write your feelings about the story on the pages. Sometimes it helps to write feelings and opinions down. Then you can share your feelings and opinions with your parent or another grownup in your house or neighborhood and other adults so they can hear you!

Tito is a 5-year-old Kenyan boy living with disabilities. He cannot take care of himself and depends heavily on his parents and siblings. His parents are casual labourers, struggling to make ends meet while caring for Tito and their other children. His mother came across information about a nearby children's institution that can care for Tito around the clock.



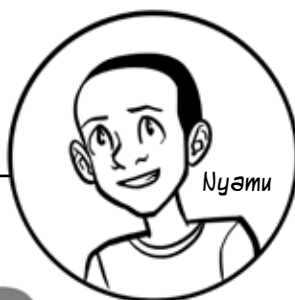
They decide to take Tito to the institution and place him in residential care. A social worker at the institution explains the benefits of keeping Tito at home compared to leaving him at the institution. However, they are adamant about their decision and admit him to the institution.



A Few months later, when they visit their son, Tito's parents find he is unhappy and not coping well at the institution. The social worker talks to them, and they agree to let the social worker make a home visit.

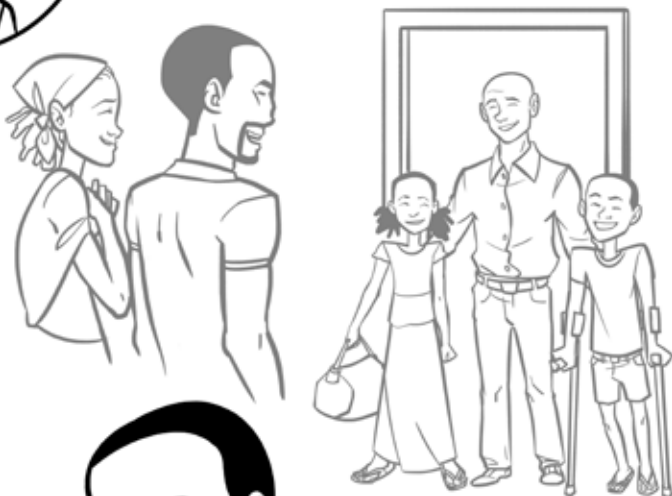


During the conversations, they receive the support and training they need to take care of their son at home.





Tito is reunited with his Family and is back home!



The social worker makes monthly visits to the Family home and finds Tito is doing well and has learned to take care of himself. He will join the local school in the next academic year.





Tito's parents are now equipped with better parenting skills from the social worker. And with Tito going to school, they secure long-term jobs and cater for their family well. Tito even helps with the chores!

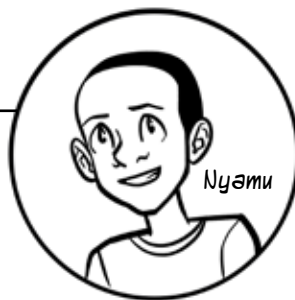




Tito's parents are delighted and offer to support the social worker to encourage other families to keep and care for their children at home where they are safe and receive their parents' love and care.



Can you Find the words below? Circle them as you Find them!



WORD SEARCH

A F W Q S V I K E N Y A W C S E
G K S U C C E S S G J H U A G Q
H O M E K E A C P K Z A C R V D
R X L M C Z R H A P P I N E S S
N S P O U J S O I X U O K L H P
C V E Q V F L O A B I J V E V L
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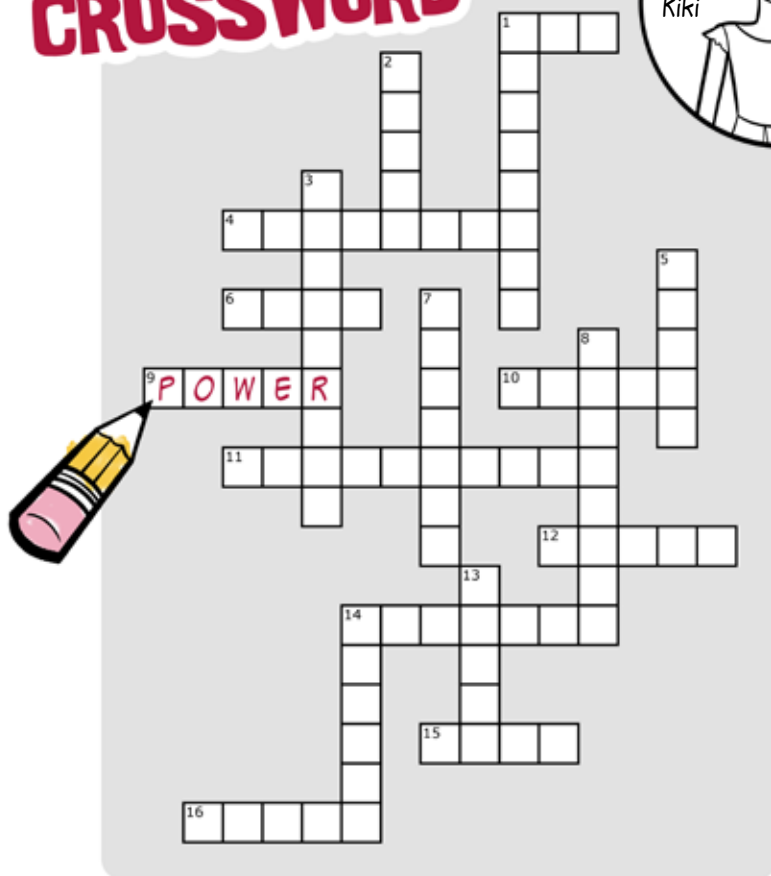
FAMILY	CHILDREN	LOVE	HAPPINESS
PARTICIPATION	FUN	GROWTH	COMMUNITY
SCHOOL	FAITH	PLAY	CARELEAVER
EDUCATION	JOY	SECURITY	KENYA
HOME	PEACE	SUCCESS	YOUTH

Do you know the missing word?

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ACROSS

1. I FEEL ____ WHEN MY FEELINGS ARE HURT.
4. ____ GROW BETTER IN FAMILIES.
6. IN YOUR HOME YOU SHOULD ALWAYS FEEL ____.
9. INFORMATION IS ____.
10. I LOVE USING PICTURES AND ____ TO LEARN.
11. CHILDREN SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE ENTIRE CASE ____ PROCESS.
12. CHILDREN AND ____ PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR LIVES.
14. I LOVE TO PLAY AND HAVE FUN WITH MY ____.
15. WE ARE CHANGING THE WAY WE ____.
16. I FEEL ____ WHEN I AM HAVING A GOOD TIME WITH MY FRIENDS.

DOWN

1. ALTERNATIVE CARE PLACEMENTS SHOULD KEEP ____ TOGETHER WHEREVER POSSIBLE.
2. CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SHOULD BE ____ AND CARED FOR JUST LIKE ANY OTHER CHILD.
3. EVERYONE IS ____ AND EVERYONE'S FAMILY IS DIFFERENT.
5. IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT ANYTHING YOU SHOULD ALWAYS TALK TO SOMEONE YOU ____.
7. WHEN AN ADULT ____ TO ME, IT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD.
8. IT IS NORMAL TO EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT ____.
13. THE LAWS OF ____ PROVIDE FOR THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS.
14. ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN A SAFE AND NURTURING ____.

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