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EDITOR'S

WELCOME MESSAGE

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

Dear Readers,

Every child carries a light, a spark of greatness placed within by God. At Muna, we believe that every story, every smile, and every act of kindness helps that light shine a little brighter.

This is the first edition of a magazine targeting kids, schooled or unschooled. It contains real stories of young leaders, news and faith-filled fun, designed to inspire you to live boldly and shine brightly wherever you are.

As you read, may you remember that you are not ordinary. You are a star on earth, created to light up your world!



Keep Shinning,
Christian Elongue

Editor-In-Chief

YOUNG & READY

SPOTLIGHT

The 11-Year-Old Animator from Nigeria

The future of African animation is young, bold, and brilliantly creative, and Caleb Agboola is proof. At just 11 years old, Caleb emerged as the Audience Choice Award winner of the SDG4Kids Animation Contest (Cohort 1), capturing hearts with his talent, originality, and vision.

 Animator

 Graphic Designer

 Programmer

 YouTuber

Caleb's journey began at age 5 when he first started exploring computers. Today, he is the Lead Animator and Cofounder of Imodola Studios, a creative venture he runs with his brother. He already works confidently with tools like Opentoonz, Tahoma 2D, Blender, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, and more.

But beyond his personal skill, what truly sets Caleb apart is his passion for helping others grow. Through his YouTube channel Kalebverse and his summer animation classes, he is already inspiring the next generation of young creators.

When asked what drives him, Caleb shared:

"With animation, I can bring my drawings to life. That gives me joy and fulfillment, knowing my work can inspire people and teach moral lessons. Looking at studios like Disney and DreamWorks motivates me. One day, I believe my studio can become a big brand too."

Now, after his outstanding performance in the contest, Caleb is partnering with Muna Studio to craft compelling stories that will inspire young people across Africa and beyond. This collaboration is part of Muna's commitment to empowering young talents and amplifying the voices of child creators.



A Message to Every Young Dreamer

What is hindering you from bringing the best out of you?

Do you think you are too young to make a difference?

A thousand times NO!

Be inspired by Caleb—and step out boldly to become the best version of yourself. Your talent matters, your voice matters, and your dreams are valid. Start now. The world is waiting for your brilliance.

👉 To support Caleb on his journey, reach out to us at communication@munakalati.org

👉 Explore his creative world on YouTube: Kalebverse

TOP STORY OF THE MONTH

BEA'S JOURNEY

Hello.”

“My name is Beatrice.”

“Mum calls me B-e-a, but Omari, my little brother calls me B-e-e”

“Don’t worry, it sounds the same.”

Welcome to my corner

I am just a girl trying to find my way through the world, just like you!!

I’d give you a peek of my life in every edition... so hang around 😊

Yesterday, it was Aunt Kuukua’s wedding. Everyone was all dressed up, and the yard was decorated in blue and golden ribbon. I had chosen the colours for her because I was her favorite niece. She also made me her little bride! So here I was, in my sparkling white dress and I was about my own business when I overheard Grandma.

“Oh, Kuukua is such a beautiful young lady, she announced. “You look gorgeous, my dear,” she said, patting her cheek. Of course she does; her brows were done, her hair was popping and her face looked sleek. I wanted Grandma to call me beautiful too. So I hung around her a bit...trying to show off my dress, instead she asked me to go get her glasses.

Maybe it was Aunt Kuukua’s make up because I was also wearing a wedding dress just like her. Why wouldn’t Grandma call me beautiful too?

So while everyone went out to see Aunt Kuukua’s husband. I sneaked into Mum’s room. A little powder and lipstick, and I was almost done when the mirror slipped off my hand. Today wasn’t a day for getting into trouble. I tried to quickly pick up the bits, but a piece slipped into my palms.

Today wasn’t a day for bleeding as well. My gown was already stained, and mum’s make- up table was a mess. “Bea!! Where’s Bea? Mum called. It was time to do the bridal procession with Aunt Kuukua.

While my brain tried to come up with another of its quick fixes, Mum stomped into the room.

“Bea!! She screams. I quickly put my hands behind my dress, and my mom asked, and it got more stained. “What happened?” Mum asked, looking horrified.

“I just wanted to be beautiful, like Aunt Kuukua -hair, makeup, and I said, sobbing. “Oh no... Come on... Let’s change your dress. On our way out, we stumbled on Dad. “My little angel,” he said before noticing my hands. Mum explained to him, and he helped to wash my hands and change my dress. Later that evening, we strolled along the yard; bits of confetti were all around the floor.

“I’m sorry for ruining Mom’s makeup, Dad.”

“I just wanted to be as beautiful as Aunt Kuukua.”

“You are already beautiful, Bea. He said, laughing. I understand that all you want is for me to feel better, dad.

“Not at all, my angel,” Dad said with a chuckle.

“Yesterday you helped set up the decorations for Aunt Kuukua’s wedding, you assisted your cousins in dressing up this morning, and just now you for Mum’s makeup.

That’s what true beauty is. Bea, true beauty is kindness, honesty, and caring for others. And you are all that and more.

Let’s not talk about your really cute eyes.

Bea, you are beautiful. I smiled big and hugged my dad. I felt a wave of confidence surge through my skin, the one I needed last week when Tope made fun of how big my eyes were...

I might not be as slim and slender as she is but just like dad had said. I am beautiful

The weekend was almost over,I still had to face her on Monday.

Find out what happens between Tope and Bea on Monday in the next edition





HISTORY CORNER:

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GHANA?

Many, many years ago, before Ghana was called Ghana, it was known as the **Gold Coast**, a land full of sunshine, forests, rivers, and gold. People farmed, traded, fished, and built strong kingdoms like Ashanti, Denkyira, and Fante. It was a proud and peaceful land. Then one day, strange ships began to appear on the shores — huge wooden ships with white sails that glowed under the sun.

They came from faraway lands in Europe from Portugal, Britain, and the Netherlands. At first, the visitors came to trade for gold, ivory, and spices. The local people exchanged goods for cloth, beads, and metal tools. But soon, things began to change. The traders started asking for something else, people.

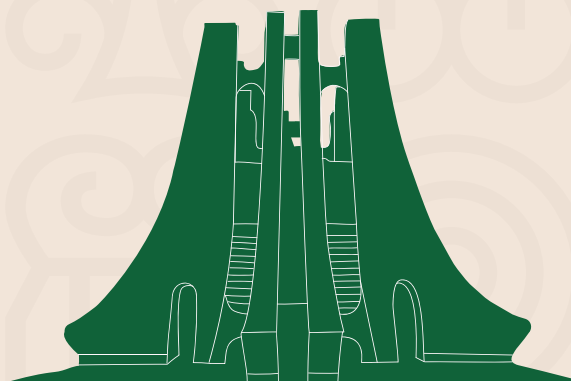
They wanted strong men and women to work on farms across the sea. Some local chiefs were tricked or pressured into trading people in exchange for guns and goods. Others were captured during wars between tribes. Slowly, the trade in humans became more common and it brought deep pain to the land.

Thousands of Africans were taken away through places like **Elmina Castle, Cape Coast Castle, and Fort St. Jago**. These castles, which still stand today, were once full of sadness, people were locked in dark dungeons waiting for ships that would take them across the ocean. Families were separated. Many never returned.

But the story does not end there. Even in the face of great suffering, our ancestors remained strong. Some resisted and fought back. Leaders like Yaa Asantewaa and Nana Kobina Gyan later rose to defend their people. Songs and stories were passed down to keep hope alive. They believed that one day, freedom would return, and it did.

Today, when we visit those castles, we remember the strength, courage, and faith of those who suffered. We learn so that history never repeats itself.

The story continues, find out in the next edition how several of our ancestors fought back and conquered great adversaries in the midst of resistance even from their own people.



Lesson for Us

- ▲ Freedom is precious, never take it for granted.
- ▲ Respect every person, no matter where they come from.
- ▲ Be proud of your history, because even in the darkest times, Africans showed courage and faith.
- ▲ Use your freedom to make the world kinder and fairer



WOW FACTS ABOUT AFRICA & THE WORLD!

Africa Has the Youngest Population in the World

More than **60%** of Africa's population is **under 25 years old**, making it the youngest continent on Earth. That means Africa has more children and teenagers than any other region.

The Library of Wonders - Alexandria's great library once held thousands of scrolls!

Snow in Africa? Yes! - Mount Kilimanjaro wears a snow cap year-round!

The Sahara Desert Was Once Green and Full of Animals

Thousands of years ago, the Sahara Desert-now the world's largest hot desert-was covered with lakes, rivers, and forests. People lived there, and animals like hippos roamed freely!

The Golden Empire - The Mali Empire traded salt for gold – literally!

Your Bones Store Treasure - They keep calcium for strength!

A River That Flows Backwards - The Nile flows from south to north!

Africa Is Home to the World's Longest River The Nile River, stretching over 6,600 km, is the longest river in the world. It flows through 11 different countries-that's more countries than any other river on Earth.

The City of Wisdom - Timbuktu was once a global learning centre!



BRAIN BUSTER

Test your Bible smarts — how well do you know these stories?

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1. The Strongest Man

Question: What was the secret of Samson's great strength?

- a) His special sword
- b) His long hair
- c) A magical ring



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2. The First Man and Woman

Question: What was the name of the garden where God placed Adam and Eve?

- a) The Garden of Eden
- b) The Olive Garden
- c) The Royal Garden

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3. A Big Boat and a Big Rain

Question: How many days and nights did it rain while Noah and his family were in the ark?

- a) 20 days and 20 nights
- b) 100 days and 100 nights
- c) 40 days and 40 nights



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4. The Giant Fighter

Question: What weapon did young David use to defeat the giant Goliath?

- a) A spear and shield
- b) A sling and a stone
- c) A bow and arrow



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5. A Talking Animal

Question: In the story of Balaam, what unusual creature spoke to him?

- a) A talking snake
- b) A talking donkey
- c) A talking bird

How did you do? (Find out the answers from the next edition)

4-5 Correct: **Bible Expert!** You know your scriptures!

2-3 Correct: **Great Job!** You're on a fantastic faith journey!

0-1 Correct: **Good start!** Keep reading and learning

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WORDS TO FIND:

**RESILIENCE, EMPATHY, INTEGRITY, LITERACY,
WISDOM, FRIENDSHIP, SACRIFICE, SALVATION**

MONEY SMART!

Financial Tips for Kids



KWAME BEDIAKO AND THE SECRET OF GROWING MONEY

Kwame Bediako loved buying things, meat pies after school, new wristbands, and stickers for his football book. One afternoon, his mother gave him a small wooden box and said, "Kwame, this will be your savings box. Start small, save big! Even one coin a day can grow into something amazing."

Kwame nodded and began saving every day. Some days it was just one coin, other days a few more. His friends laughed, saying,

"Why keep coins when you can buy a race car?" But Kwame remembered what his mother always said: "Be patient, my son. Money gathered little by little grows."

As the weeks went by, the coins began to pile up. One Sunday, Kwame's Children's Church teacher taught, "When you are faithful with little, God can trust you with more."

Those words stayed in Kwame's heart.

He began noticing how his savings were growing, just like seeds planted in good soil. His mother explained,

"When you save early, your money grows faster, just like a tree that's planted young and cared for."

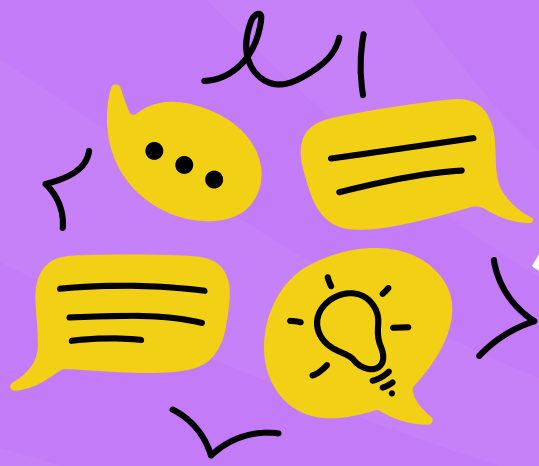
Later, Kwame saw a new football at the market. He really wanted it, but then thought, *Do I need this or just want it?*

He decided to wait and later found a better one for less. His mother smiled and said, "The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance and profit, but everyone who acts in haste comes surely to poverty." (Proverbs 21:5)

Kwame also found ways to earn money. He helped his neighbor wash her car and sold handmade bookmarks to classmates. His father reminded him, "Be creative and hardworking. God blesses those who give value."

When the year ended, Kwame opened his savings box. It was full! He bought what he needed and still had some left. Instead of keeping it all, he gave part to help his friend buy school supplies.

That day, Kwame felt true joy, the kind that comes from giving. He finally understood that being wise with money is about patience, hard work, and generosity.



Kwame's Smart Money Challenge!

Think you can be as wise as Kwame? Try these fun challenges this month!

- ✓ **Start Small:** Pick a box or jar and save a little each day, even coins count!
- ✓ **Plan Wisely:** Before buying something, ask yourself: Do I need this or just want it?
- ✓ **Be Creative:** Think of one small way you can earn, maybe helping someone, making crafts, or doing chores.
- ✓ **Give Cheerfully:** Use part of your savings to bless someone who needs help.

Write down what you learned and share it with your family, friends in school or children's church group. Remember, when you handle money wisely, God will bless the work of your hands! 🙏💰

STAT OF THE MONTH!

Did you know? Children laugh an average of 300 times a day, while adults laugh only about 20! Keep laughing – it's your superpower!



STORY CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Write and share your story about **Love at Christmas** in **500 words or less**. Be original and creative!

Top Story: Backpack + Gift Voucher + Data

1st Runner-Up: Movie Ticket + Data

2nd Runner-Up: Sponsored Lunch for you and your best friend

Submit your story to:

communication@munakalati.org

Subject of the mail should be: [MunaMag Story Challenge_January]

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**Do you know a child doing something inspiring
in school, church, or the community?
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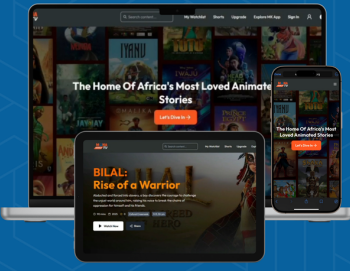
**If you're a parent or grandparent who still
remembers a story that shaped your values as
a child, kindly share that with us as it could
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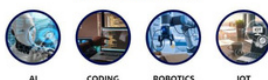
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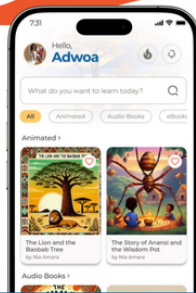
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WHY WE ARE HERE

Muna exists to fill the gap in children's media by bringing African stories, languages, and values to life. We create fun, educational, and inspiring content that helps every African child see themselves as heroes confident, proud, and full of dreams.

WHERE WE ARE GOING

We're building a world where every African child feels bold in their identity and every family sees Muna as a friend that connects them to stories that look, sound, and feel like home. When you think of African storytelling - you think of Muna.

OUR SERVICES

Muna Studio (Animation Services)

We create vibrant, culturally rich animations that connect, engage, and inspire audiences. From concept to final cut, we blend creativity, African identity, and strategy to produce stories that leave a lasting impact. Perfect for brands, campaigns, and storytelling projects.

Research Consultancy

We provide expert insights and analysis to help children's book professionals and educators understand market trends and make informed creative or publishing decisions.

Branding & Design

We craft beautiful, impactful visuals that speak to young readers and families - helping brands and publishers stand out with creativity that connects.

Muna Light Publishing

Our publishing arm shares stories that inspire, build character, and nurture purpose in African children and youth. Through tales of heritage, faith, and growth, we empower the next generation to discover their identity and potential.

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