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We Love Books!



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Meena is a little girl who lives in a village with her parents, her grandmother, her brother Raju and her baby sister, Rani. Mithu, the parrot, is her best friend.

In many ways, Meena is like any other little girl you know. She is friendly but is not afraid to ask questions.

Share in Meena's adventures as she laughs, climbs trees, asks questions and solves problems, and shows you all the things that a little girl can do.

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It was a school holiday. Meena, Raju and their friend Sumi had finished all their chores, but it was too hot to play. Their one storybook had been read over and over again.



Sumi was tired of reading the same book and she already knew every single word in it. If only they had more books to read!



That's when Meena had a wonderful idea! Why should they wait for books? They could make their own! Sumi and Raju loved the idea. They decided to start right away and tell all their friends too.



A little later, all the children were hard at work. Everyone had brought something – a few sheets of paper, some colours, pencils and erasers and of course their story ideas!



They helped each other write and draw and colour, and when the stories were ready, some of the older girls stitched the pages together.



When Teacher entered the classroom the next day, she was absolutely amazed!



There were books everywhere! Some were even hung up across the room. And all of them were so bright and beautiful.



Teacher was really pleased with the books. She was also eager to show them to the school inspector.



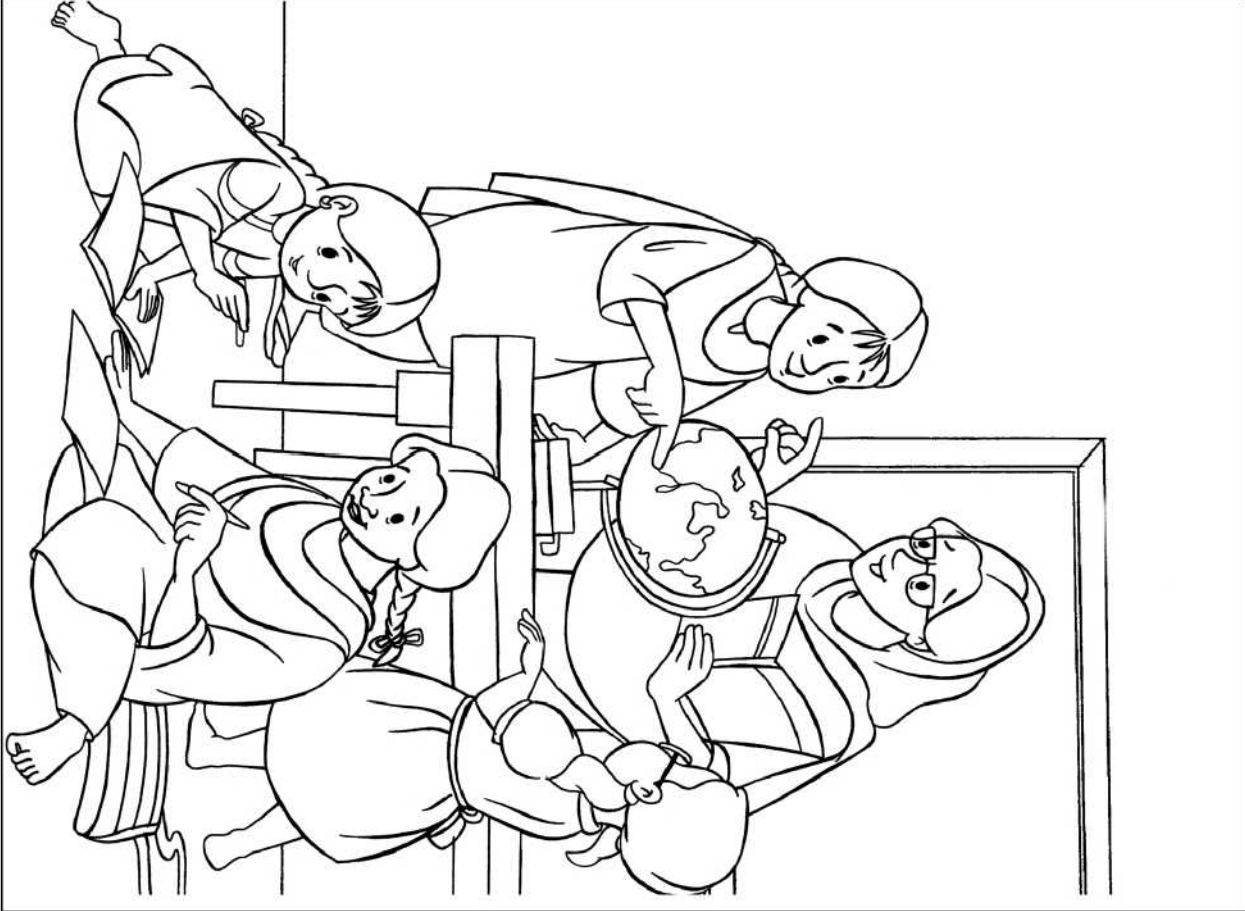
The school inspector was very impressed. She had never imagined that children could be so clever and creative. She wanted to take their ideas to all the other schools she visited.



Teacher was excited too. Their school could make many other books, on all sorts of topics!



A vibrant illustration of a woman in a yellow sari and glasses, sitting on a wooden stool and reading a green book. She is surrounded by several children. One child in a blue shirt and pink shawl stands to the left, holding a stack of books. Another child in a pink shirt sits on the floor to the right, writing on a piece of paper. Other children are visible in the background, some holding papers and others looking on. The scene is set in a simple room with a window and a door in the background.



This is a picture for you to colour



All girls should be in school.

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8. Too Young to Marry
9. Take Care of Girls
10. I Love School
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12. Meena in the City
13. A Girl's Story
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