

# STORY: PEKA AND LUPE GO TO SCHOOL

One morning on the beautiful Island of Niue, Peka was woken up to get ready for school, but he didn't really want to go. He was still tired and stretched out his long wings. The other birds and animals were mean to him because of the way he looked and smelt.

Peka took his time flying to school when he saw Lupe. "Hey Peka" called Lupe, "Didn't you brush your teeth this morning. Your breath smells". Peka ignored Lupe and pretended that he didn't hear anything, but his feelings were really hurt. He flew beside Peka and didn't speak until they reached school. Lupe took a soccer ball from his bag and said, "Peka let's play soccer!" "No, I don't want too" replied Peka. Lupe kept pestering Peka until finally he gave in. After a while they were both dripping with sweat. Peka teased Lupe, "You don't look too good, and you don't smell too good."

Peka was very sad at what Lupe had said, but he reminded himself that he was strong, and he could fly higher than Lupe.

At recess Moa, Heahea and Kiu who were friends with Lupe joined in calling Peka nasty names. They refused to sit or play with Peka. This made Peka sad because he really wanted to play with them. Peka kept reminding himself that he was strong, and he was a warrior even though he felt so hurt. Just then he heard his friend Pekapeka say "Be strong my friend. Don't worry about them". Peka couldn't believe that Pekapeka was being so nice to him. Then he saw Pekapeka stand up and say to the four mean friends. "Why are you so mean to Peka. It is not nice, and you should stop". Peka couldn't believe someone was sticking up for him and it made him feel good inside.

Along came the wise old Owl. He said, "I agree with Pekapeka, I have been watching you all and I've seen how you have been treating Peka and this needs to STOP!"

"We are so sorry", said the four friends. "We know we were being mean. Sorry!" Owl continued, "thank you Pekapeka, you have a kind heart, and you are a true friend". The wise Owl said, "now for your punishment Lupe, Heahea, Kiu and Moa now let me see...I think that you need to pull weeds in the hot sun so that you can learn to be like Pekapeka". As the four friends pulled weeds they were reminded to be more loving, more helpful, and friendlier and to never call anyone nasty names again.

## CREATING YOUR BIG BOOK

### YOU WILL NEED

- 8 A4 sheets of paper
- Crayons or pencils

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the story
2. Follow the guidance below to create your big book
3. You can use pictures only OR words and pictures
4. Read the big book to your child
5. Ask questions before, during and after the story is read.



## QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER READING

- a. What can you see in this picture? What do you think the story is about?
- b. Why did Peka not want to go to school?
- c. Why did Peka not want to play soccer with Lupe?
- d. How do we know that Pekapeka was a good bird?
- e. What punishment did the wise Owl give the birds who were mean to Peka?
- f. Why was Peka brave and strong?
- g. What can we learn about this story?



### COVER PAGE TITLE AND AUTHOR

Peka and Lupa go to school.

### PAGE 1

Drawing of two birds flying over the sunny island of Niue. One bird looks happy and has smooth feathers, the other bird looks sad with messy feathers.

### PAGE 2

Drawing of the same two birds standing on the soccer field with a soccer ball. The bird with pretty features has his wing covering his nose, the other bird looks sad and has his head lowered.

### PAGE 3

Drawing of a sad bird in the school playground, standing alone. 4 other birds stand on the opposite side of the playground, in a group, laughing at the bird who is alone.

### PAGE 4

Drawing of a bird in the school playground putting one wing over the sad bird's shoulder to comfort the sad bird.

### PAGE 5

Drawing of a bird comforting the sad bird, pointing and telling the 4 birds standing on the other side of the playground.

### PAGE 6

Drawing of a bird in the school playground putting one wing over the sad bird's shoulder to comfort the sad bird, the sad bird is smiling.

### PAGE 7

Drawing of a bird in the school playground putting one wing over the sad bird's shoulder. 4 birds stand on the other side of the playground. An old Owl stands between the two groups of birds and is pointing at the birds being unkind. The Owl looks angry.

### PAGE 8

Drawing of 4 birds pulling out weeds in the school grounds, under the hot sun.

### PAGE 9

All 6 birds and the Owl stand together smiling, some of the birds have their wings over the shoulders of other birds.

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