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“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all”

Galatians 6:10

“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another...”

Romans 12:10

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Every summer in Martins Christian School, students were asked to put on hats while coming to school.

“The hats will protect your face and head from the sun’s harmful rays, and you can safely play outside,” Miss Ryan, the school principal explained.



“If you forget to bring your hat to school, please do not play outdoors in the sun. You can play in class or sit quietly under the shade of the trees over there,” Miss Ryan continued, pointing out the row of trees close to the school garden.

“Do you understand?” she finally asked.

“Yes, Miss Ryan,” the students chorused.



One Wednesday afternoon, during lunch break, Mabel noticed that Sue, a new student in her class, was sitting by herself under one of the trees.

“Why do you think Sue is not playing on the playground?” Mabel asked Sarah, another student in her class.

“I don’t know, maybe she doesn’t like any of our games?” Sarah replied.



“I do not think so.....hey look! She does not have a hat. I think we should talk to her,” Mabel suggested.

“But why? We are having so much fun playing here on the playground,” Sarah protested.

“Well, she looks lonely. Also, that is what Jesus would do. Think about it; Jesus wants us to be kind and show love to everyone,” Mabel explained.



Sarah thought for a while.

“Well, I agree that it is good to be kind and show love. OK, let us go.” Sarah agreed.

So, Mabel and Sarah went to meet Sue under the tree.



“Hello Sue! Why are you not playing on the playground?” Mabel asked.

“Oh, I forgot to bring my hat. I just found out when my mum dropped me off this morning. We could not go back home to get it because mum had to go to work,” Sue explained.

“Oh, sorry about that,” Sarah said.



“That is all right. Can we all play together under the trees?” Mabel asked, looking at Sarah and Sue.

Sarah nodded while Sue smiled, looking happy about playing with her new friends.



Mabel, Sarah, and Sue sat under the tree and played together. They played a game of rock, paper, scissors; and sang some songs.



Then the bell rang.

“Time to go back to class!” Mabel announced.

“Wow, I never knew I could have so much fun playing under the tree,” Sarah said.

“Yes, that was so much fun. Thank you very much for playing with me. Both of you are truly kind,” Sue said, as the students walked back to their classes.



About the book.

During summer in Martins Christian School, without a hat, students were not allowed to play on the playground. But on one sunny day, Sue, a new student, forgot to bring her hat to school. Find out how her classmates Mabel and Sarah came to her rescue.

The book, *No Hat, No Play*, illustrates how children can be selfless and kind even when it might be difficult to do so.

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