

# Everyone Indoors!

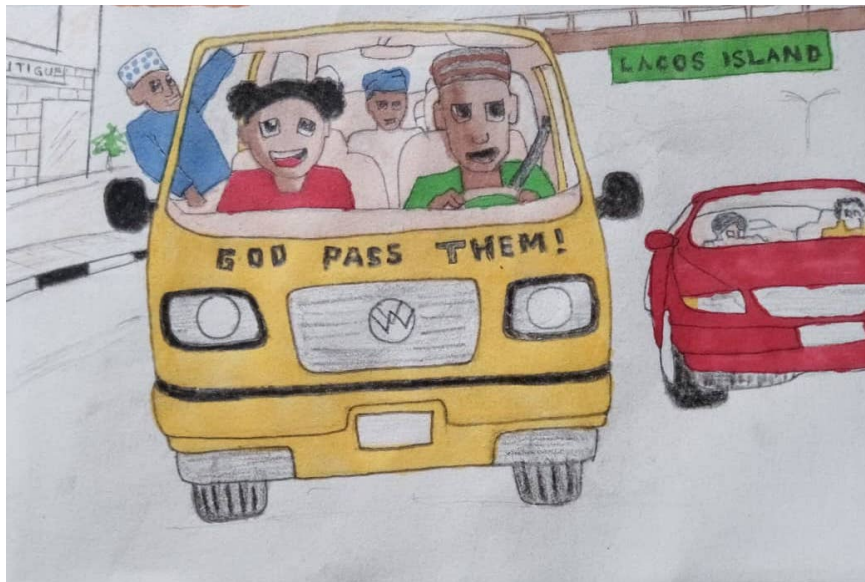
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**My name is Ayo. Which means Joy. I have a troublesome younger brother called Wale. Wale always disturbs me, whenever I want to do my assignments. Mother always asks me to help him solve his math problems.**



**My mother is a loving and caring woman. She is a seamstress. She makes most of the clothes my brother and I wear.**



**My father is a transporter. He is always looking serious.**



**One day, Ms. Folake, our school proprietress, told her pupils that school will be closed until further notice. She said, "the government has declared a lockdown." Some boys cheered out loud. No school means more fun! I could guess my brother was among them.**



**We didn't take it seriously until our parents came home. They told us we couldn't go outside for 2 weeks!**



**That means no football and outdoor games for you Wale! I said. "And, no dancing rehearsal or church activities for you", my mother snapped back at me. I felt like crying.**



**Daddy won't be transporting any passengers and mummy won't go to the shop too. We would all be indoors!**



**This bright morning, Mummy and I are in the kitchen making breakfast. We hear daddy laughing in the sitting room. He tells us the government finally lifted the lockdown! I am so excited. I can't wait to finally resume my dancing lessons and Wale can't wait to play football with his friends! And of course, we are so happy to finally return to school!**