

# **DRAMA**

## **GROW AND HELP GROW**

### **CAST**

Seyi – a Christian child -  
Seye – a Christian child (Seyi’s friend) -  
Nneka – a Christian child (Seyi’s friend) -  
Mark – a naughty child -  
Mark’s mum (M M) -

### **Act 1 Scene 1**

*Seyi, Seye and Nneka are in the sitting room talking.*

**Seyi:** Seye, Nneka, I want us to visit someone in one of the houses nearby. I feel concerned about a particular boy, Mark. Every day you can hear him shouting on his parents and he has become a bully. I have been praying for him, and today I need to take action. Taking action does not mean I will produce results. God produces the results. However until I take action I will not experience his power. Let us pray before we go.

*The three of them pray and then they go for evangelism. They go to Mark’s house and knock on the door.*

### **Act 1 Scene 2**

*Mark’s Mum is sitting down mending some clothes. Mark is in his room.*

**Seyi:** Peace be unto this house.

**M M:** Mark, please go and see who is knocking on the door.

**Mark:** Why does it have to be me every time? Can’t you open the door by yourself?

**M M:** You can see that I am busy. Anyway, I am your mother and you are supposed to obey me.

*Mark grumbles as he goes to the door. He opens the door without checking who the visitors are and then goes back to the sitting room. The three friends greet him and follow him inside. He then goes to his room.*

**Seyi:** Good afternoon, ma. My name is Seyi and these are my friends Seye and Nneka. We would like to spend a few minutes with Mark if he is not too busy.

**M M:** I know you. You are Mama Olu’s son. Mark is not busy. If he agrees to listen to you, you can talk with him. *(Turns to the back and calls Mark)* Mark! Mark!! Mark!!!

**Mark:** What is the trouble again? I am not deaf. *(Comes into the sitting room slowly.)*

**M M:** These people want to talk with you.

*Mark walks towards them and they walk a little to the side. Mark’s mum continues to do simple mending.*

**Seyi:** I am Seyi. These are my friends Seye and Nneka.

**Seye:** Hi.

**Nneka:** Hi.

**Seyi:** We want to talk with you for a few minutes. We hope you don’t mind.

**Mark:** You better make it snappy. I don’t have time to waste.

**Seyi:** We want to enlist you in our army. We believe you are a very good candidate.

**Mark:** In the army? I would love to join the army, but I am too young to join the army now. How can you enlist me in the army when you are like me? When I join the army I will start commanding everybody. Nobody will be commanding me again.

**Seye:** It's good you want to join the army, but we are not talking about the Nigerian army. We are talking about the Jesus Army.

**Mark:** The Jesus Army?

**Nneka:** Yes, and there are certain rules you must obey.

**Mark:** I don't want to obey rules.

**Seyi:** But you will have a lot of power if you join the Jesus Army. There are rules everywhere. One of the rules of the Jesus Army is that you have to honour your father and your mother.

**Mark:** Hmmm. *(He had been restless, but he now thinks about what he has been told.)*

**Seye:** To join the Jesus Army you need to accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour. You must use your mouth to say it and believe in your heart that he has heard you.

**Mark:** *(Thinks for a while.)* Okay.

**Nneka:** Are you ready to join the Jesus Army?

**Mark:** I am ready.

**Seyi:** Then repeat after me: God/ I come before you today/ as a sinner/ saved by grace./ Satan is no longer my master./ Jesus is my master./ Jesus you are my Saviour. / You are my Lord. / I am now born again. *(Mark repeats after Seyi.)*

**Seye:** Congratulations. Now that you are born again, you need to feed yourself regularly. In order to grow you need to pray, every day. *(Seyi, Seye and Nneka sing 'Read Your Bible Pray Every Day.')*

**Seyi:** Seye, Nneka, do you remember that we are going for camping next week? Let us ask Mark's mum if Mark can go with us. If she doesn't have the money for the camp we can raise it ourselves.

**Nneka:** That is a good idea.

*The three of them walk to where Mark's mum is working. She looks up and Mark prostrates in front of her.*

**Mark:** Mummy, I am sorry for my bad behaviour. From now on, I promise to be a good boy.

**M M:** Hmmm.

**Seye:** Mark is now a new person. We want to help him to stay that way and so we want him to come to camp with us. The camp is coming up next week. Will he be allowed to go?

**M M:** Of course.

**Mark:** Mum, thank you. *(Hugs her.)* Mum, after I see my new friends off I will help you tidy the garage.

**M M:** God bless you my son.

*The four friends sing 'I Am in the Lord's Army'. Mark's mum dances and leaves in the opposite direction.*