VACCINATION: AN ACT OF LOVE

Pan American Health Organization

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Dear little friends,

I want to tell you how important vaccines are for all of us. From the moment we’re born we get vaccinated, sometimes with a little pinch of a shot, other times with drops. These vaccines protect us from a number of dangerous diseases. But there are thousands of children in other countries who haven’t been vaccinated or who haven’t gotten all the doses they need to be well protected because they live far from health clinics or because their parents don’t know about the benefits of vaccines. For this reason, we created Vaccination Week in the Americas to get vaccines to all the children of this continent, to make sure they grow up strong and healthy.

Talk about vaccines with your friends at school and your family at home so that everyone understands and no one gets left behind. Help the vaccination teams when they come to your town, your neighborhood, or your school. Remember that you need to be healthy if you want to play, jump, dance, ride a bicycle... and live all your dreams. Remember too: Vaccination is an Act of Love.

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TIME TO GET UP, MARY ANGELA!
WE HAVE A LOT TO DO TODAY!

HMM... I GUESS MY SLEEPING BEAUTY NEEDS A KISS TO WAKE UP!

MARY ANGELA?!
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WHERE COULD SHE HAVE GONE?
HEH! HEH! LET'S GO AND PLAY, MAWY ANGELA!

GOO-GOO DA-DA!

HI, JIMMY FIVE! WHERE YA' GOIN' WITH YOUR SISTER?

UH...WELL...I'M JUST GONNA PLAY WITH HER!

CAN I PLAY, TOO?

NO! 'CAUSE YOU'LL SCARE HER WITH THOSE BIG TEETH!

I THINK HER TEETH ARE PRETTY!

JIMMY FIVE ALWAYS FINDS A WAY TO UPSET ME!

IF HE WASN'T CARRYING MARY ANGELA, I'D SHOW HIM...

MONICA! HAVE YOU SEEN MARY ANGELA ANYWHERE?

WELL...

HMM...I HAVEN'T SEEN JIMMY EITHER!

OH, NO?
DON'T WORRY, MRS. FIVE! I THINK I CAN FIND JIMMY FIVE!

JIMMYYYYY!!

CAN'T A PERSON READ IN PEACE ANYMORE?

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT, MONICA?

JIMMY FIVE SNEAKED OUT OF THE HOUSE WITH HIS LITTLE SISTER, FRANKLIN!

Really?!

I THINK HE'S UP TO SOMETHING!

LET’S GO LOOK FOR HIM!

HOLD ON, MARY ANGELA! DON'T GO WEE-WEE NOW!

DARN! I FORGOT TO BROUGHT DIAPERS!

REALLY?!

I THINK HE’S UP TO SOMETHING!

LET’S GO LOOK FOR HIM!
AHA!!

JIMMY FIVE CAUGHT RED-HANDED IN THE PARK!

I'M DOING THIS FOR MARY ANGELA'S GOOD!

MOM SAID SHE'S TAKING HER TO THE HEALTH CLINIC!

KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

SURE! THIS IS VACCINATION WEEK!

AND MARY ANGELA IS GOING TO GET VACCINATED!

THAT'S WIGHT! THE POOR THING IS GOING TO GET A BIG SHOT!

IT'S JUST A TINY ONE!

IT DOESN'T HURT!

LET ME TELL YOU A STORY, JIMMY FIVE!
“FOR YOU TO GROW AND BE STRONG, YOU HAFTA BE HEALTHY, RIGHT?”

AND THE VACCINE WILL PREVENT LOTS OF DISEASES THAT ARE VERY BAD FOR US!

“A VACCINE CAN COME IN DROPS...”

“...OR A SHOT...”

“...BUT IT GIVES YOU AN EXTRA DOSE OF HEALTH!”

“KIDS WHO DON’T GET THEIR VACCINES, CAN GET A LITTLE BIT SICK...”

“...OR SERIOUSLY ILL!”
"DID YOU KNOW WE GET VACCINES FROM THE MOMENT WE'RE BORN?"

"AND WE KEEP ON GETTING THEM FOR MANY YEARS!"

"AT 2 MONTHS..."

"... AT 4 MONTHS..."

"... AT 6 MONTHS..."

"... AT 12 MONTHS..."

"... AT 15 MONTHS..."

"... AT 24 MONTHS..."

"... FROM 4 TO 6 YEARS AND EVEN WHEN WE'RE TEENAGERS!"
WOW! SO HOW DO VACCINES WORK TO KEEP US FROM GETTING SICK?

“VACCINES SEND WEAK GERMS INTO OUR BODIES! THAT WAY WE DON’T GET SICK!”

HEH! HEH! WHAT A NICE LITTLE BODY TO LIVE IN!
CLEAN! HEALTHY!

BUT WE’RE GONNA DO SOME BIG DAMAGE AROUND HERE!
AND LEAVE THIS BODY LOOKING LIKE US!

THEN THE BODY REACTS TO THE GERMS, PRODUCING ANTIBODIES, WHICH ARE LIKE SOLDIERS WHO ATTACK THE WEAK GERMS!

HEY! GET OUT OF HERE!
LET’S TEACH HIM A LESSON!
OOPS!

YAY!! MORE ANTIBODIES!

UH-OH!

WHAT CREEPY-LOOKING GUYS!

“THOSE ANTIBODIES STAY IN OUR BODY AND PROTECT US!”

GOOD!

THAT’S IT!

SUPER!

“AND IF YOU ARE EXPOSED TO STRONGER GERMS...”

THEY CAN COME BACK!

“...MORE ANTIBODIES WILL BE PRODUCED!”

C’MON, GUYS!

“AND STRONGER ONES!”
GEE! THAT’S COOL! AND IT’S SO SIMPLE! WANNA PLAY WITH SAMSON?

LET’S GO, MAWY ANGELA!

MOMMY’S WAITING FOR US!

WHERE HAVE YOU TWO BEEN?

UH... WE WENT TO THE PARK TO PLAY!

GOO-GOO...

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, MOM!

NOW YOU CAN TAKE MAWY ANGELA TO GET VACCINATED!

WHAT?!
SO, AWTEN'T YOU GONNA TAKE HER TO GET VACCINATED?

I'M JUST TAKING HER TO THE HEALTH CLINIC BECAUSE THERE'S NO ONE TO STAY WITH HER!

MARY ANGELA'S ALREADY UP-TO-DATE ON HER VACCINES!

TODAY IT'S YOUR TURN, JIMMY FIVE!

C'MON, SON!

I CALLED DOCTOR MIRTA AND SHE'S WAITING FOR US!

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IT'S JUST A LITTLE BITTY PWICK!

CONGRATULATIONS, MRS. FIVE! YOUR SON IS REALLY GROWN UP!

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THANK YOU, DOCTOR MIRTA!

AND I DIDN'T FEEL A THING!

THE END
TH’SUN’S AWREADY HIGH AN’ CHUCK’S NOT EVEN UP YET!

MEBBE HE FERGOT IT’S VACCINATION DAY T’DAY!

WAKE UP, SON!

CHUCK?!

WHUT’S HAPPENED T’YA?!

YER ALL CUHVER’D WITH RED SPOTS!

AH’M SICK, MA! AH CAIN’T GIT NO VACCINE T’DAY!
OH, SON! HOW'D THIS HAPPEN?

E-E-EASY, MA!

LOO-K! M'ARM'S FULL O' RED SPOTS, TOO!

SEE? THIS DISEASE I GOT'S CONTAGIOUS!

AHA! CAUGHTYA, SCAMP!

GULP!

THER'S NOT NICE, CHUCK!

AW, MA! AH DON' WANNA GO IN T' TOWN T'DAY!

THERE'S GONNA BE AN AWFUL BIG LINE AT THE HEALTH CLINIC! AN' 'SIDES, T'DAY'S SATI-DAY!

BUT...

BUT WILLY...

MATTER O' FACT, THIS REMINDS ME O' TH' STORY 'BOUT A BOY CALLED ANTER-NO!

HE THOUGHT JES LIKE CHUCK DOES!
Was Antenor a boyhood friend o’ yers?

That’s right!

He thought he was real healthy... an’ that this vaccination business was just silliness!

He even laughed at his friends when they came back from the clinic...

Ha! Ha! Ha!

“’Til one day...

‘He didn’t pay no attention to it!’

He’d tell his folks he was goin’ t’git vaccinated an’ he’d go swimmin’!”
"ANTENOR GOT SICK...

His folks had t'go runnin' to th'closest hospital with 'im, but it was far away!"

"AH DON'T RECALL WHUT TYPE O' SICKNESS HE GOT, BUT IT WAS AWFUL BAD!"

"TH'BOY HAD T'STAY DAYS AN' NIGHTS IN TH'HOSPITAL!"

"WHILE HE WAS THERE, HIS FRIENDS WHO HAD BEEN VACCINATED PLAYED AN' HAD FUN!"
“BUT ONE DAY ANTENOR WAS FINALLY ABLE T’GO HOME!”

“HE WAS REAL LUCKY! Y’KNOW, LOTS O’ THEM DON’T GO BACK?”

PA! MA! SORRY AH’M IN SECH A HURRY, BUT AH’M GOIN’ DOWN T’THE HEALTH CLINIC!

HEH! HEH! AH GOTTA GIT THET VACCINE!

WAIT! WE’LL GO WITH YOU!

DON’T NEED TO, PA!

AH’M A BIG BOY NOW!

AN’ SIDES, EVERYBODY WE KNOW FROM ’ROUND HERE’S GONNA BE THERE!
HI, Y’ALL!

YOU ALL GONNA GIT TH’VACCINE, TOO?

WE SURE ARE, CHUCK!

AH WANNA BE ONE O’ TH’FIRST!

ME, TOO!

IT DON’T MATTER T’ME!

AS LONG’S AH GIT M’SELF VACCINATED!

Y’SAID THET SO NICE, CHUCK!

AW, ROSIE LEE...

AN’ YOU? WHATCHA WAITIN’ FER?

GOT ALL YER VACCINATIONS?

GOOD!

THE END
LET'S HELP MRS. FIVE FIND MARY ANGELA!

WHICH IMAGE WILL THE OBSERVER SEE IN THE MICROSCOPE?

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KNOW WHY VACCINATION IS AN ACT OF LOVE?

IT PROTECTS AGAINST MANY TYPES OF DISEASE!

AND SOME OF THOSE DISEASES CAN BE FATAL!

IF A VACCINE CAUSES ANY REACTION, SEE A DOCTOR!

TEENAGERS ALSO NEED TO GET VACCINES!

FIND OUT ABOUT IT AT THE NEAREST HEALTH CLINIC!