



## The Extra Sandwich

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Aminah arrives at the school gate with a bright smile, her blue school bag bouncing as she walks. The morning sun shines on the bustling campus as students in their neat uniforms gather for a new day of learning.



While putting her books away at her desk, Aminah opens her bag and gasps in surprise. Tucked next to her usual lunch container is an extra sandwich her mother must have packed by mistake, wrapped neatly in clear paper.



The school canteen comes alive during recess with the sounds of laughter and the clatter of plates. Aminah looks around the crowded, colorful space, holding her lunch bag tightly as she searches for a place to sit.



In a quiet corner of the noisy canteen, Aminah spots her classmate Ben sitting all by himself. His table is empty, and he looks down sadly at his hands while other children around him enjoy their snacks and drinks.



Aminah looks at the extra sandwich in her hand and then at Ben, feeling a bit nervous. She thinks about whether she should keep the extra food for later or if she has the courage to walk over and offer it to him.



A memory of her teacher's gentle voice fills her mind, reminding the class that helping a friend in need is the greatest lesson of all. The warm memory gives Aminah the confidence she needs to take a step toward Ben's table.



With a warm and friendly smile, Aminah walks over to Ben and holds out the extra sandwich. Ben looks up in surprise and wonder as she offers him the meal with a kind and selfless gesture.



The two friends sit together at the canteen table, chatting and laughing as they enjoy their sandwiches side by side. The once lonely corner is now filled with the light of a new friendship and the joy of sharing.



Back in the classroom, the spirit of kindness begins to grow as Ben helps a classmate carry a heavy stack of books. Aminah watches with a smile, seeing how her small act has inspired others to be helpful and caring.



As the school day ends, the children play together in the sunny courtyard, united by a sense of belonging. Aminah realizes that serving others is the best way to show loyalty and make her school a wonderful place for everyone.