

## MANOLITO AND THE MAGIC BICYCLE

Manolito was a child who barely had toys or money because his parents had lost their jobs.

His friends had everything: books, video games, balls, bikes, and more. But Manolito had to settle for less. Instead, he had fun playing hide and seek, racing, or anything else that was not material.

Some children laughed at him:

“I have everything! You have nothing!” they sing-songed.

But he was happy. “I do not need toys or video games to have fun,” he said.

One day, Manolito went to the forest and found an old and broken bicycle.

He thought about taking it, but decided to leave it there in case it belonged to someone.

After a few days, Manolito returned and the bicycle was still there.

“I’m going to do one thing! I’ll take it to fix it and bring it back. But I’ll leave a note here in case its owner shows up!” he thought to himself.

Manolito took the bicycle and, although it was old and not pretty, it still worked.

When the bike was ready, Manolito decided to ride it back to the place where he found it.

He pedaled and pedaled. When he entered the forest, the bike began to fly.

“Wow! This bike is magic! I’m flying!” Manolito shouted.

“This is the best experience I have ever experienced, but I know that the bicycle could have an owner. I’ll leave it where I had found it, just in case the owners return” he said to himself.

The next day he returned to the place and, surprisingly, the bicycle was still there. “I don’t think the owner is coming back,” he said. “I must give this bike a home!”

The bicycle only flew when Manolito wanted. The rest of the time, it worked like a normal bicycle. Manolito never flew with his bike around the city - that way no one would see him. One day, one of his friends saw him with the bike and laughed at him:

“The magic bicyclist Manolito! Where do you go with that ugly and broken bike? It was mine but I threw it away because it was not worth anything!” he told him.

“Was it yours and you do not want it”? Manolito asked.

“Hahaha! That bike is worthless! Keep it! I have a new bike!” he replied, mocking Manolito.

At that moment, Manolito was the happiest person in the world because he knew that the bike could stay with him and, in front of everyone, he made that bike fly.

After that, all the children who had made fun of Manolito wanted to ride on his magic bicycle.

Manolito, who was very kind, shared the bike with all the children and taught them that to have fun it was not necessary to have many new and beautiful things and that, even with something as old as that bike, they could have a fun time.

