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FINFORCE BEDTIME STORIES · ASLAN, FIFI AND MALI

Three Cars, One Team

For children and grown-ups, ages 3 to 10

FINFORCE KIDS · BOOK 1



With Aslan, Fifi and Mali

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THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

A DRIVEWAY STORY

for

With love from the FinForce team



Meet the family

Aslan, 9
The oldest, and he wears glasses. Careful, kind, and good at making a plan. He drives a bright orange Lamborghini Urus.

Fifi, 5
Aphina, called Fifi. Full of energy, and she turns jobs into races. She drives a coral Mercedes-AMG GT.

Mali, 3
Amaliyah, called Mali. The youngest, and she loves food. She drives a sky-blue Mitsubishi Outlander.

Winston
The smallest dog, black and curly, with a very big heart. He likes to help with a cloth.

Paddington
The biggest dog, with red-gold curls. He loves to play, and he tries to sit still when it is care time.

Frankie, Archie and Freddie
Frankie loves a snack, just like Mali. Archie and Freddie come to watch, and to wag.

Aslan, Fifi and Mali each have a car to look after. A simple story for children, with a short grown-up box on the lesson pages. Do the voices!

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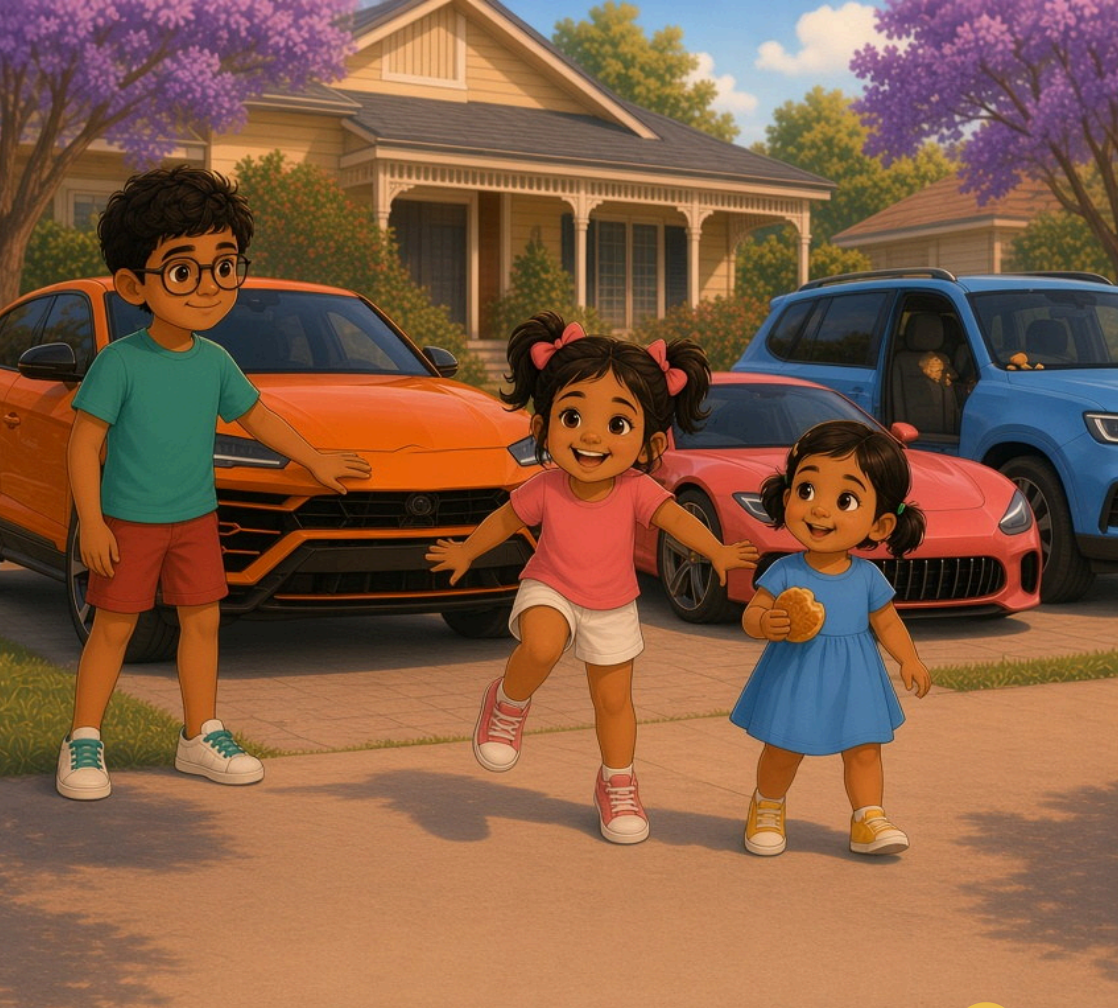

Aslan was nine. He wore his glasses and patted his big orange car. It was a Lamborghini Urus.
Fifi was five. She zoomed on the spot beside her shiny coral car. It was a Mercedes-AMG GT.
Mali was three. She held a bun, and her blue car waited nearby. It was a Mitsubishi Outlander.
Three children. Three cars. One sunny driveway.

Three cars, and a whole family to look after them.

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Aslan looked closely. His Urus was dusty.
Fifi's AMG was dusty too, and one tyre looked a little soft.
Mali's Outlander had biscuit crumbs on the seat, and the window was smeary.
"Cars need care," said Aslan, "just like we do."
Fifi bounced. "Can we zoom first?"
"Care first," said Aslan, kindly. "Then we can go."

Care comes first, then the fun.



They made a Care List, nice and clear.
Wash the cars. Check the tyres. Wipe the windows. Pack water for a trip.
Put a little pocket money in a tin, for the next little job.
Aslan drew the jobs. Fifi added a big star, because stars made the list feel like a race.
Mali added a crumbly scribble, and then another bite of bun.
“This is our plan,” said Aslan.

A plan helps you look after the things you have.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Looking after a car means ongoing care and maintenance, not just buying it. Washing, checking tyres, topping up fluids, and servicing all take time, and some of them cost money. Example only: a simple service might be about $200 to $400 or more, and items such as wiper blades or screen wash are extra. These figures are examples, not a quote, and not a price for any particular car.



Fifi could not stand still. She fetched the hose and ran.
Splash! The orange Urus got a shower. Splash! The coral AMG got one too. Splash! Mali's blue Outlander shone, and Mali giggled.
"I'm the fastest washer in the world!" said Fifi.
Aslan laughed and handed her a sponge. "Fast is fun. Gentle is kind to the paint as well."
Fifi slowed down, just a little, and scrubbed in big proud circles.

Energy is wonderful, when you use it with care.



Mali opened her little tin. Inside were four shiny coins, and one sticky sultana.
“Bun,” said Mali, very seriously, pointing down the street.
Aslan crouched down. “You can have a bun. And we keep some coins for the cars, too.”
Mali thought. She took one coin for a bun. She dropped two coins back in the tin. She ate the sultana.
Frankie the dog, who also loved food, wagged as if this were a very good plan.

Some for a treat. Some to look after what we have.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Pocket money can be a simple way to practise splitting money between spending now and setting some aside for a known cost, such as looking after something you already own. Example only: if a child receives $10, they might spend $4 and put $6 aside. These figures are examples only, not a suggested amount.



Aslan put on his glasses and checked each car, slowly.
Water in the screen bottle. Windows clear. Seats wiped. Tyres, one by one.
On Fifi's AMG, one tyre was still a bit soft.
"I found it," said Aslan. He did not shout. He did not panic. He just showed Fifi and Mali.
"We can fix it," said Fifi, already hopping.
"Team," said Mali, through a mouthful of bun.

Looking closely helps you find a little problem before it grows.

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They walked to the little shop that could put air in the tyre and check it properly.
The helper was kind. “That will be a small fee,” she said, and she wrote a number on a sticky note.
Fifi shook her tin. It was not quite enough.
Mali shook her tin. Still not quite.
Aslan looked at his tin, then at his sisters. “Then we do it together.”

Sometimes a job costs more than one tin can hold.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Even small maintenance can cost more than expected — a puncture, a pressure check and valve, screen wash, or a wiper blade. Example only: a puncture repair might be about $20 to $40, and a new tyre much more, perhaps $150 to $400 or more depending on the car. These figures are examples only, not a quote.

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Aslan put in his share. Fifi put in hers. Mali put in one more coin.
It was still a little short.
“I’ll do a job!” cried Fifi, and she raced to coil the hose and stack the sponges, super speedy and very proud.
The family had a shared tin too, for jobs that belonged to everyone. They were allowed one more coin from that tin.
Now they had enough.

A family team can do what one person cannot do alone.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Families sometimes keep a shared amount for costs that are too big for one person. Pooling a little from each person, or from a joint pot, is a simple team habit. Example only: three people might put in $5, $3 and $2, and a shared tin might add $2, to cover a $12 job. These figures are examples only.

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The tyre was checked and felt just right.
They washed the last smears from Mali's windows. They packed a water bottle, and a bun for the road.
Winston, the smallest dog, sat up front. Paddington, Archie and Freddie sat good as gold, ready to help.
Three cars shone on the driveway: the orange Urus, the coral AMG GT, and the blue Outlander.

Looked after, and ready.



They went slowly around the block, together.
Aslan led, careful and tall in his seat. Fifi waved, then put her hands back, because waving is fun and holding on is safer. Mali hummed and shared a crumb with no one in particular.
The jacarandas made purple shadows on the road.
“This is the best bit,” said Fifi.
“Because we looked after them first,” said Aslan.

The fun feels better when you have been careful first.

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Back home, they tipped the leftover coins into the tins again.
“Next time we wash, we will be ready,” said Aslan.
Fifi stuck a new star on the Care List.
Mali wiped a tiny jam print off her Outlander, mostly.
“Three cars,” said Aslan.
“One team!” shouted Fifi.
“Team,” said Mali, and she offered them both a bite of bun.

Looking after what you have is a job you do again and again. And it is easier together.

FOR GROWN-UPS

Care and maintenance are not a one-off cost. They come back, so it helps to keep a little set aside. A family habit of sharing the bigger jobs can take pressure off any one person. This is general information only, and the story is not about any product or plan.

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The sun went lower, and the driveway was quiet and clean.
Aslan polished his glasses and put them back on, just as carefully as he had checked the tyres.
Fifi finally sat still beside her AMG, grinning.
Mali fell asleep on the step, bun safely finished, the blue Outlander keeping watch.
Three cars. One team. And tomorrow, they could do it all again.



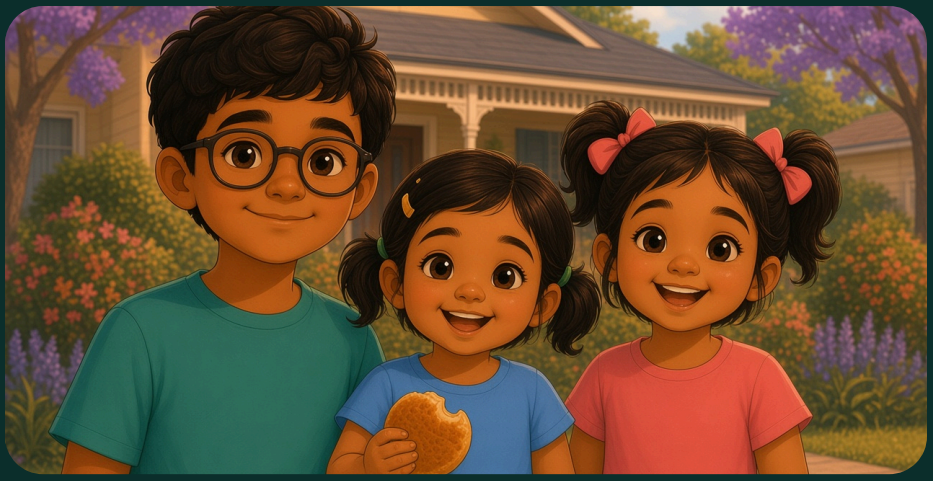
Three cars, all looked after. One family team, ready for next time. And there was still, just possibly, one last bun.

The End

LITTLE CHATS IN THE MORNING

Why do cars need care after you already have them? · What could you put in a tin for something you already own? · How can a family team help when one tin is not enough?

Story idea by Aslan, age 9



With love from the FinForce team

A driveway story about looking after what you already have, and helping each other when a job is too big for one person — told simply for children, with a short grown-up layer on the lesson pages. Thank you for being part of our year.

Story idea by Aslan, age 9. For grown-ups: this story introduces general ideas such as ongoing care and maintenance, setting aside a little money for those costs, unexpected small repairs, and pooling money as a family team. All figures in this book are examples only, not a quote and not a recommendation. It is not about any product or plan, and it is not personal advice.

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