

## PLANTING VALUES THROUGH “THE MEADOW OF LOVE”

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### Abstract

*The contemporary society we live in is full of “hungry” people chasing the goods and money. They do believe that money makes the world go round and forget that values such as: Discipline, Love, Respect, Empathy, Forgiveness, give meaning to human life. Independently of the hardships that life may unfold in front of us, having like indelible weapons these values, our children can enjoy a bright future and contribute to better the society we live in. As confirmed, money is gone, someday, but once our kids obtain values, these will be eternal! Therefore, it is our duty like parents, teachers, and writers to stand by our kids' side like a gentle caress upon their backs and to vaccinate them with these precious Values!*

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### Introduction

There are times, when everything is ready for you. On the other hand, there are other moments in your life, when the lack of the essentials, invites you to get out of the comfort zone and to start searching and fighting for a better life.

### Objectives

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Obviously, life’s journey is not all roses but undoubtedly, if you are gifted with values, you will become a stronger

person and will be a winner. To achieve this goal, discipline plays an important role.

### The Meadow of Love

Melina does say: “She was followed by Phopho, not just once and twice, and she envied and wanted to do the same. So she competed with her Mummy, Mario, who would be the first to fall under the cool, green leaves of the gardens”. (Page 14)



And without realizing it, they both evolved and could run faster than the proud hare, Do-do, who boasts in every step he takes in the village!

Sometimes, the sudden hardships and your opponents may prevent you from achieving your goal, but what if, we consider all these challenges like our opportunities to discover our hidden power and to love and respect more ourselves.

Melina does say: “After a few kilometers, her little legs deceived her and she was left behind Do-Do. Suddenly in front of them, some Shrubs were found. Do-do drowned in a drop of water, lost its mind, and got in there. His legs were torn and liked it or not they were stalled. The trained Phopho, used her Mummy's techniques, and crossed with all her strength, the road to the opposite village”! (Page 15)

If we love and respect ourselves, we can love everyone else, even our opponents and show empathy towards them.

Melina says: “When she reached the opposite village, she realized that Do-Do was not coming behind, and she took the road back to see the doomsday of her opponent Do-Do”. (Page 15)

Do-do, was crying for help, and the pure soul, Phopho, replied:

Both of us, have nothing to separate, go up on my back, and we'll go back to our village together”! (Page 15)

Even though the conditions unfolded in front of us, daily, aren't so easy we can scatter love, everywhere around us. It doesn't cost any money!

**Melina does say:**

“Their Love was envied by everyone, even by Mimis, the Wolf.

One day, as he was drowning in tears, he decided to open his heart,

because he knew that Snow White, embraces everyone in a lovely way!

Mimis felt sadness within him, because his brothers,

called him small and stupid!

And there were a few times when they said to him:

Why do we have to feed you? Move on and find your own food, stupid!



The Snow White, the sheep, took pity on Mimis, the wolf, and to better his mood she said:

My friend, here, in this meadow, let's reign, Love!

Well, the best motivation ever, to convert, this Wolf into a Lamb"! (Pages 24-25)

It goes without saying that when we give love we get back this love multiplied. Melina does say:

"His Chicken, Zozo, hands by hands with her sisters, started a crazy dance, and shouted so that the whole village to listen to her:

Peter, I'll love you forever"! (Page 18)

Another important value to better our life is forgiveness, because when we forgive, we can shatter even the hidden grudge of our world and rejuvenate the cells of the society we live in. Melina does say:

Both of us have nothing to separate, go up on my back, and we'll go back to our village together!

Because I appreciate all my friends and opponents! The other animals applauded and gave her a Commendation"! (Page 15)

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, Melina Papa, through her children's book titled "The Meadow of Love", want to encourage everyone of us to contribute to create a pure society where will reign the eternal values that we planted, where the rosy dreams of our kids will come true!

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