



I Will Change the World

Layla's grandpa invented a car that consumes water, helping to reduce the effects of global warming. Learn how this inspires Layla and how she decides to start her own change campaign.



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Layla's grandpa had invented a distinguished new car. She was so proud to be there when he received a special award for it.



On the way home, Layla asked him all about his marvelous invention. "What makes it so special? Can it fly or drive super fast?"



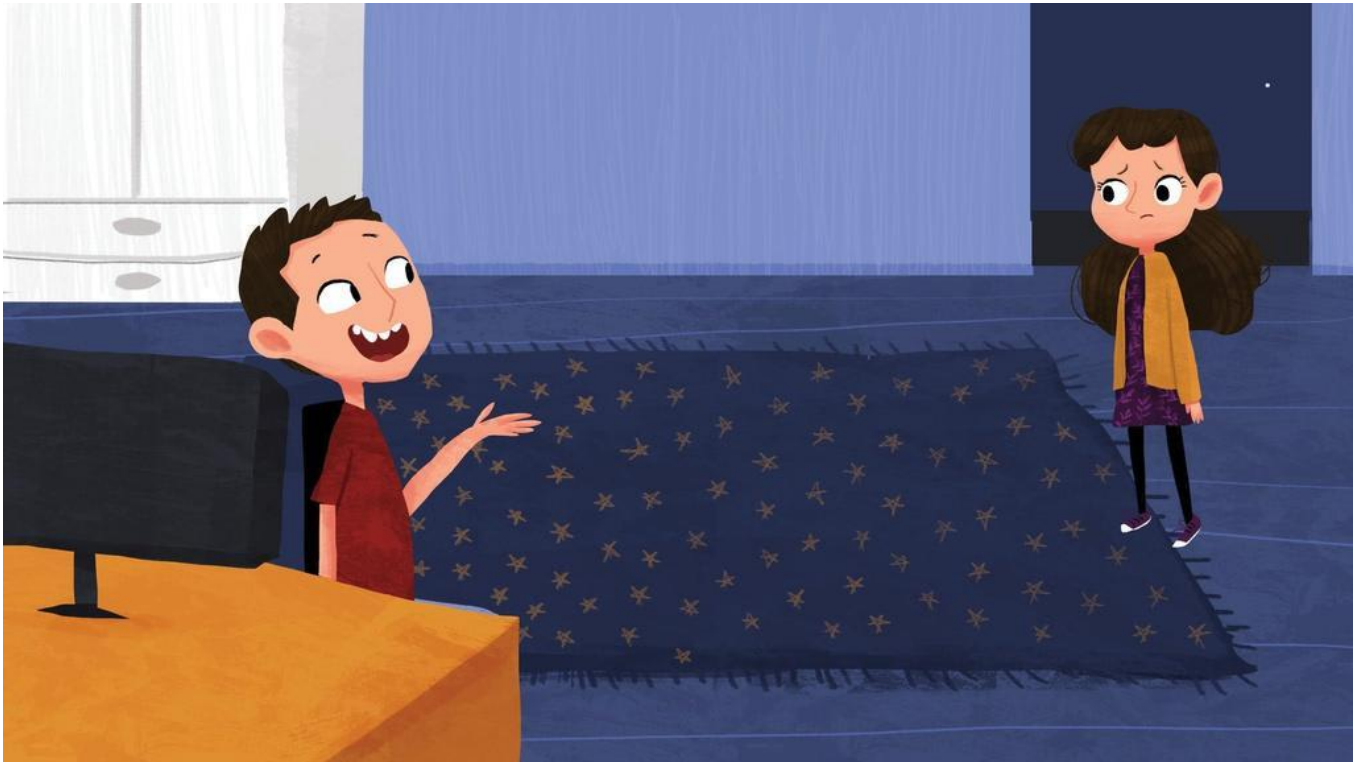
He laughed, and said, "No, dear. What makes this car unique is that it solves problems! Instead of gasoline, it runs on water. If more people drive cars like this, we can reduce the harmful gases in our atmosphere and maybe stop the climate change that is happening to our planet."



"But what is climate change? Why do we need to stop it?" Layla asked.



"It started with the industrial revolution. New machinery and factories caused a lot of pollution to be released. So much carbon dioxide was put into the atmosphere that it created a hole in Earth's ozone layer. The ozone layer protects the earth from the sun. The ozone hole means more heat from the sun gets into our atmosphere, changing the climate around the world."



Layla could not stop thinking about how our planet was being harmed. She was sure she could help to change things, just like her Grandpa. "I'm going to stop climate change!" she told her brother. But he just laughed. "You're only a kid. You can't make any difference!"



At school, she told all of her classmates about her ideas. But they did not listen either.



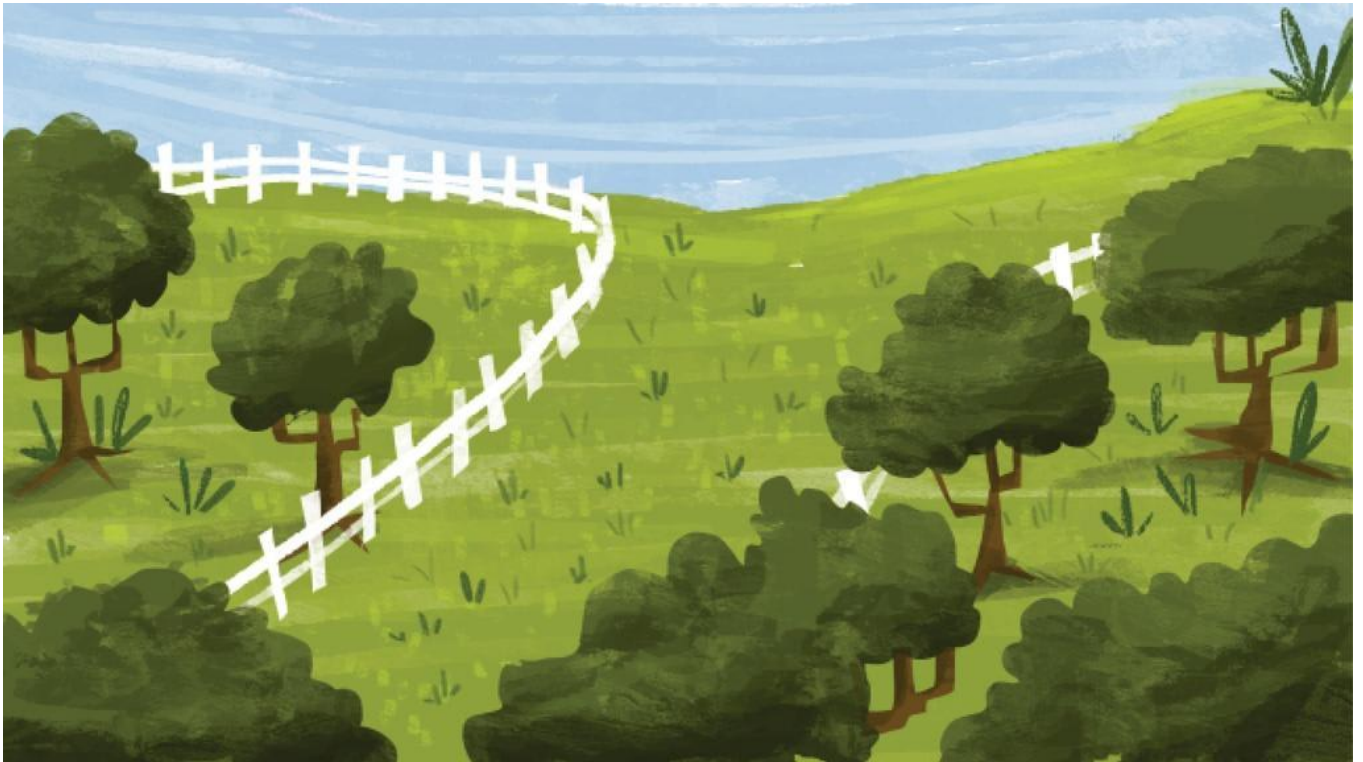
Layla was almost ready to give up, before she had even started. Her grandpa noticed her sad face and came to talk with her. "Failure," he told her, "is the first step to success. You must still believe in your dream, even if it is difficult at first."



He encouraged Layla to share her idea with more people than those she knew in her town. "I can use social media to share my ideas with the world!" "Now you're thinking," Grandpa said with a smile.



Soon, her classmates came to ask her about the posts they had seen online. They were amazed how many people had responded to Layla's ideas. "You can help too!" Layla told them. "When we work together, we can achieve anything."



Soon everyone in Layla's community wanted to help. They decided to plant more trees to help remove carbon dioxide and purify the air.



People also learned how easy it was to save energy in their homes with just a few changes!



Even Layla's brother decided to help by riding his bike instead of getting a ride in the car from his parents.



A few months later, Layla received a special award from her principal. Her entire community was proud of the hard work she had done to help change the world.



Layla knew one person would be more proud than anyone else. "Thank you Grandpa!" she shouted into the microphone. "Thank you for reminding me to never give up."



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