Robert Gordon

CHARACTER TRAITS
RESPONSIBILITY • RESPECT

THE FACTS

“We’re going to use our respectful words. I’m gonna treat you the way I want to be treated, and you’re gonna treat me the way you want to be treated.”

BORN: 1998
LIKES: Being a Youth Minister
SCHOOL: Clafin University
5-YEAR PLAN: Get Masters in Divinity Studies

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STUDENT ACTION BOOK
SOCIAL ISSUE:

School Inequality

All schools are not created equal. Some schools have new books, football fields, and computers. Other schools have windows that don’t open, and books that are 30 years old. At Robert’s school, there weren’t enough teachers for every class. One math class didn’t even have a teacher for 3 months! The students were not learning.

Robert wanted to make sure all his friends got a good education. But it was hard because his school didn’t have enough money to buy school supplies or fix things that were broken. Robert decided he would take responsibility and be a leader!

Robert took action every day to help improve his school. He fixed a computer problem for a teacher. He helped his friend fill out a college application. He used his Freedom of Petition to ask the school district for a new math teacher. He raised money for field trips. He helped settle issues between friends, and even between a student and a teacher.

Some people think you need to take a big action or change the world to be a hero. But Robert took a lot of small actions and changed the lives of students, teachers, and adults at his school. When he left for college, a lot of people at his school missed him. Who would help them after Robert left? Thankfully, he taught a 7th grader how to take over his responsibilities. Robert made sure everyone knew the Golden Rule: “Always treat others the way you want to be treated.”