

The Sandwich Swap

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Characters:

Narrator 1

Narrator 2

Narrator 3

Narrator 4

Lily

Salma

Narrator 1: The story we are about to share is called *The Sandwich Swap*.

Narrator 2: It is written by Queen Rania Al Abdullah and Kelly DiPucchio and illustrated by Tricia Tusa.

Lily: It all began with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Salma: And it ended with a hummus sandwich.

Narrator 3: Salma and Lily were best friends at school. They drew pictures together. They played on the swings together. They jumped rope together.

Narrator 4: And they ate their lunches together. But just what they ate was a little different.

Lily: I eat a peanut butter and jelly sandwich every day for lunch.

Salma: I eat a hummus and pita sandwich every day for lunch.

Narrator 1: And although Lily never said it out loud, she thought Salma's sandwich looked weird and yucky.

Narrator 2: She felt terrible that her friend had to eat that icky chickpea paste every day!

All Narrators: Ew. Yuck.

Narrator 3: And although Salma never said it out loud, she thought Lily's sandwich looked strange and gross.

Narrator 4: She felt just awful that her friend had to eat that gooey peanut paste every day.

All Narrators: Ew. Gross.

Narrator 1: Then one day, Lily just couldn't hold back those pesky thoughts any longer. So, she blurted out...

Lily: Your sandwich looks kind of yucky.

Salma: What did you say?

Narrator 2: Salma thought she must have misunderstood her friend.

Lily: I said your sandwich looks yucky.

Narrator 3: Salma frowned. She looked down at the thin, soft bread, and she thought of her mother as she carefully cut Salma's sandwich into two neat halves that morning.

Narrator 4: Her hurt feelings turned mad.

Salma: Yeah, well your sandwich looks gross, and it smells bad, too.

Narrator 1: Lily looked surprised. She sniffed the thick, squishy bread, and she thought of her dad as he cut Lily's sandwich into two perfect triangles that morning.

Lily: It does not smell bad!

Salma: Does too!

Lily: Ew. Yuck!

Salma: Ew. Gross!

Narrator 2: That afternoon the friends did not draw pictures together. They did not swing together, and they did not jump rope together either.

Narrator 3: The next day, Salma ate her lunch at one table and Lily ate her lunch at another.

Narrator 4: Meanwhile, the peanut butter vs. hummus story had spread and everyone began choosing sides. Each side had something not so nice to say to the other.

Narrator 1: Peanut butter breath!

Narrator 2: Jelly heads!

Narrator 3: Garlic breath!

Narrator 4: Chickpea brains!

Narrator 1: Pretty soon the rude insults had nothing at all to do with peanut butter or hummus.

Narrator 2: You're weird!

Narrator 3: You look funny!

Narrator 4: You dress dumb!

Narrator 1: And then it happened. Somebody yelled.... FOOD FIGHT!

Narrator 2: Peanut butter and hummus sandwiches and other lunch favorites began flying back and forth between both sides of the lunchroom.

Narrator 3: They stuck to the walls.

Narrator 4: They stuck to the ceiling.

Narrator 1: They stuck to the lunch lady.

Narrator 2: Salma and Lily looked at one another from across the room. They both felt ashamed by what they saw.

Narrator 3: They both felt really ashamed when the principal called them into her office...after they helped clean up the mess.

Lily: I am sorry.

Salma: I am sorry too.

Narrator 4: The following day, Salma sat across from Lily. The two girls nibbled on their sandwiches in silence. Finally, Lily got up the courage to speak...

Lily: Would you like to try a bite of my peanut butter and jelly?

Salma: Sure. Why not? Would you like to try my hummus and pita?

Lily: I'd like that.

Salma: On the count of three?

Lily: Ok. On the count of three.

Both Salma and Lily: 1...2...3. Mmmmmm! Yummy!

Salma: Hey, this is delicious!

Lily: And this is heavenly!

Narrator 1: The girls giggled. And hugged. And traded sandwiches.

Narrator 2: After lunch, Salma and Lily met with the principal again.

Narrator 3: This time they were there to suggest a very special event for the whole school.

Narrator 4: Then everyone brought sandwiches to share with each other.

Salma: And that's how it all began with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Lily: And ended with a hummus and pita sandwich.