**A LEAP OF FAITH**

“Cecilia, come on get ready its time to go to school” said Anna, Cecilia’s mother. Cecilia came down stairs and said, “I am not feeling so good mom”. Cecilia had not been going school since two days and her mom could not afford not sending her to school. She some how get her ready and dragged her to the school bus but halfway through Cecilia started crying. Her mother felt bad but she had no choice. She leaned down wiped her tears and whispered to her, “keep faith in yourself and face your fears”.

Cecilia had just transferred to a new school and was having a hard time to fit in. Luckily, she wasn’t facing bullying like in her previous school. She had no friends though and whenever she collected some courage to take with some students, she always stepped back into the last moment.

As soon as she reached class her class teacher announced that talent show was going to be held in five days and students who were interested could give their names tomorrow to her. Cecilia loved dancing and her mom always told her that she was a good dancer. Cecilia thought maybe now was the time to keep faith in herself. She went home and told Mom about this wonderful opportunity. Her mom was so happy, Finally Cecilia was gaining confidence.

The next day she enrolled her name, and for the next month she kept practicing and practicing and each time she practiced she became more and more graceful in her skills. And finally the day had come, when Cecilia woke up, her heart was thumping so loudly. She was feeling scared but there was still some confidence left.

She was performing last, she was standing in the wings and was looking at the other participants dancing and the audiences cheers for all of them, she thought will they cheer for me. Before she could think some more, her turn had come. She went to the stage, the audience was so quiet, her hands were shaking but she remembered what her mom had said just before she got into the school, “Sometimes all you need a leap of Faith”. The music started and she danced like she had never danced before and the audience gave her a standing ovation.

After the performance, in class a student come and asked her, “How did you do that?” she smiled and said, “I took the leap of faith”.