

FOR THIRD GRADERS**LUMING'S BIRTHDAY PARTY**

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*The little hostess is the fourth girl from the left. She has two white X's on the vest of her blue dress. Can you point to her in the picture? The little guests are, from left to right, first row—Rosendo, Generoso, Pedro, and Emmanuel; second row—Veneracion, Conchita, Baby, (Luming, the hostess) Aurora, Evelina, and Salud. Aunt Asuncion is behind Evelina.*

It is Luming's birthday. This morning her mother got up early and made some cakes. Father prepared a low table. Aunt Asuncion prepared a nice tablecloth for the low table.

Luming got up early too. She washed her hands and face. She brushed her teeth and combed her hair. She dressed up in a nice blue dress with trimmings. She went to church with Aunt Asuncion.

On the way home Luming called her little neighbors and invited them to her birthday party. The little friends have

come. See them in the picture. They have brought flowers for Luming. Do you see the flowers on the table?

The children are ready to eat. Luming has some fruits, cakes, and chocolate for them. After eating they will play some games. They will play hide-and-peek, San Pedro, and other games. Some will sing. Others will recite poems. They will all be happy. Luming wants them to be happy on her birthday. They, too, like Luming to be happy on her birthday. They love one another. Good children like to make one another happy.