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The Ambitious Boy

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Jaber is a young ambitious boy who is aiming to become a basketball player. Not just any player, but the best player in the universe. He grows up watching basketball stars shoot and score. Their hard work and success inspire him to follow his dream. While taking steps to achieve his dream along with his supportive parents, he is learning that the only way to success is to learn from your failures.
Jaber started playing basketball at the age of four. He remembers being nervous at his first game on the court. It was a rough game. He couldn't control the basketball. Every time he dribbled, the ball went somewhere else on the basketball court. Also, every time he tried to shoot the ball, he would "air ball." Air ball means the ball doesn't touch the basket, the rim, or the backboard. So, after the game he went home with tears dripping from his eyes and wanting to quit.
As always, that night Jaber watched basketball on TV with his dad. His tears dried quickly. The strong determination the basketball players showed during the game stunned Jaber more and became his motivation. So, he started practicing basketball with his dad every day. Also, his mom encouraged him with her words and said, "if they could do it, you could do it, too." Since that day, Jaber decided to work harder and always went to his games no matter how tough it was on him.
Now Jaber is 8 years old. After 4 years of practicing, he got way better. He knows how to dribble, he knows how to shoot, and he scores during games. He is mastering more basketball skills, such as dribbling between his legs and around his back. Also, he is learning how to jump high so he can dunk on a 10-foot hoop.
Despite Jaber’s tears and struggles on the court, basketball stars will always be his inspiration. He will keep practicing until he achieves his ambition. Basketball now is in his blood. With his supportive parents he will never be afraid to fail, because failing is only the beginning of success.

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