

加藤清正は、日本三名城の一つといわれる 熊本城を築いた戦国時代の武将です。清正は、 永禄5年(1562年),尾張(愛知県)で,父清忠 と母伊都との長男として 生まれ,幼名を夜叉若と いいました。3歳で父を 失い,母の手で厳しく育 てられました。



能本城(能本市)

A long time ago, there was a boy in Owari. His name was Yashawaka. He was very active. One evening, he came back home barefoot. His mother was surprised and asked, "What happened? Where are your zori?" "A dog ran after me, so I lost my zori," he answered. He some small scratches on his hands and legs. He had said, "The dog jumped on me and scratched me."

His mother took him to the butsudan and said, "Your father is always watching you. You got the scratches



active 活発な

・barefoot 裸足で ·was surprised 驚いた

・lost ~をなくした ・scratch 傷,ひっかく ·leg 足

・jump 飛ぶ ·butsudan 仏壇



from it, right?"

took some persimmons from someone's tree, and the dog ran after you. Is that right?"

But Yashawaka didn't answer. His mother looked at him sadly and sighed. At last he opened his heart and said, "I'm sorry. I took some persimmons from someone's tree." His mother said tenderly,

"I'm very glad, because you told me the truth. It's a very important thing."

Later Yashawaka became Kato Kiyomasa. He built Kumamoto Castle and governed the Higo-han.



清正は、単に、優れた武将であるだけでなく、優れた民政家として肥後の歴史に 大きな功績を残しました。清正は、築城の技術に長じていましたが、白川、球磨川、 緑川等の河川を改修し,遊水池,石刎などを工夫して治水の功をあげました。 また、玉名地方その他の新田を開発し、豊後、薩摩への街道を整備しました。 ※石刎…川岸から中央に向かって突き出した石堤。流速を下げ堤防を保護するために造られた。

After Reading

●あなたは、本当のことを言えなかった経験はありませんか。友達と話し合ってみましょう。

because you climbed a tree and took some persimmons

Yashawaka was surprised and looked down. His mother asked tenderly, "You ・climb ~に登る

The Spirit of KUMAMOTC

- ·persimmon 柿
- ・tenderly 優しく
- ・someone だれか、ある人
- ・sadly 悲しそうに ・sigh ため息をつく •at last ついに、とうとう ・heart 心
- ・glad うれしい
- ・told tellの過去形
- ・truth 本当のこと,真実
- ・govern (国などを)治める
- ·Higo-han 肥後藩

