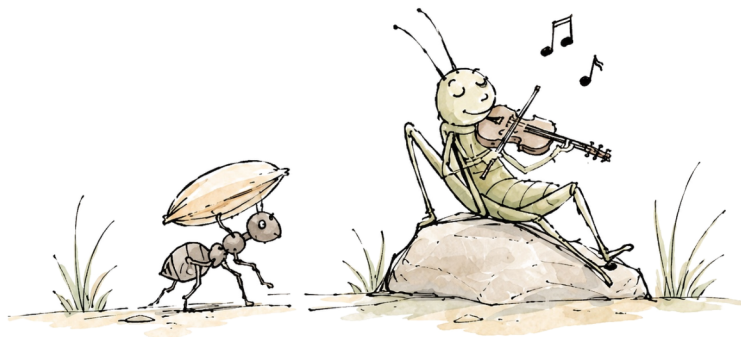


A READER'S COMPANION JOURNAL

The Ant and the Grasshopper

Reading Comprehension Workbook

A timeless tale to read, explore, and take to heart



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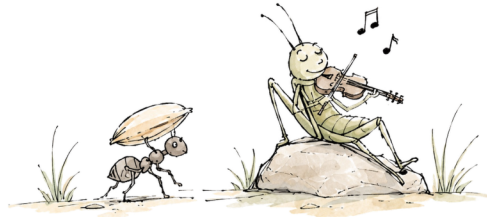
A Classic Aesop Fable



Elevated Learning Lab

FABLE FOUR

The Ant and the Grasshopper



All through the warm, bright summer, a grasshopper did nothing but sing. He leaped through the tall grass, fiddled his little tune, and basked in the golden sun, while nearby an ant worked from morning until night. Back and forth she marched, carrying seeds and grains of corn far bigger than herself, storing them away one by one. “Why work so hard on such a lovely day?” called the grasshopper. “Come and sing with me instead!” But the ant only answered, “I am storing food for the winter, and you would be wise to do the same.” The grasshopper just laughed. “Winter is far away, and the fields are full! There is plenty of time,” he said, and off he hopped, singing as he went. But the warm days did not last. The sun grew pale, the wind turned cold, and snow soon covered the once-green field. The grasshopper shivered, hungry and alone, with nothing left to eat, until one day he saw the ant, snug and warm, with all the food she had gathered all summer long.

THE MORAL

Prepare today for the needs of tomorrow.

Turn the page to begin your detective work.

STORY DETECTIVE

What Happened

1 What did the grasshopper do all summer?

2 What was the ant busy doing?

3 What warning did the ant give the grasshopper?

4 What happened when winter arrived?

5 How did the ant's work during summer help her in winter?

THINK A LITTLE DEEPER

Big Ideas & the Moral

- 1 Was the grasshopper wrong to enjoy the summer? What did he forget?

- 2 What is something you can get ready for before you need it?

- 3 Can you both work and play and still be ready? How?

- 4 Should the ant have shared her food? What would you have done?

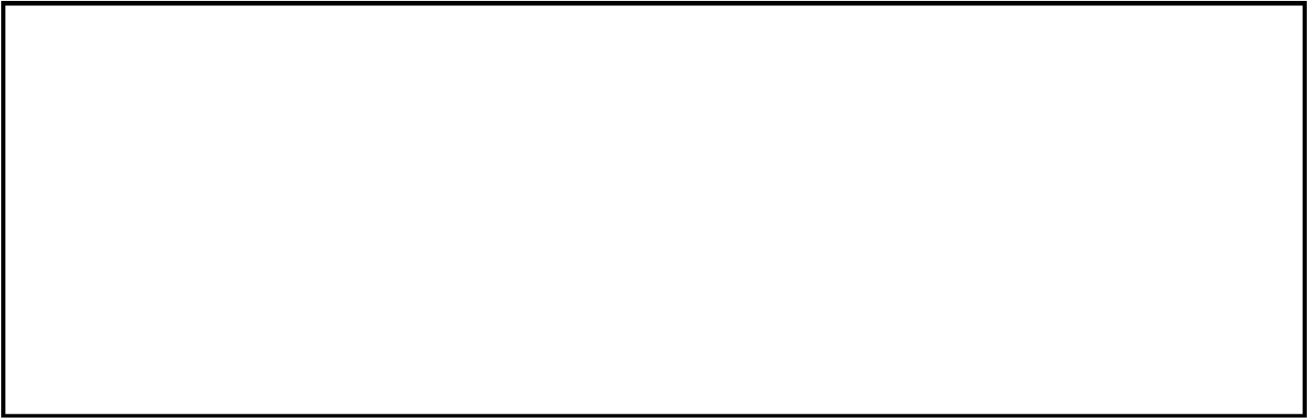


THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

GET CREATIVE

Make Something

Draw the ant's cozy winter home, full of the food she saved.



Write a short song the grasshopper might sing next summer now that he has learned to balance work and play.

Make a list of three things you can prepare for ahead of time.

THE FINE PRINT

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