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Dedicated to children everywhere...

To all whom you meet, be truthful and kind.

Make the right choices, and good things you'll find!

Love others and smile - let your best actions lead.

Have fun, and have faith, and learn how to read!

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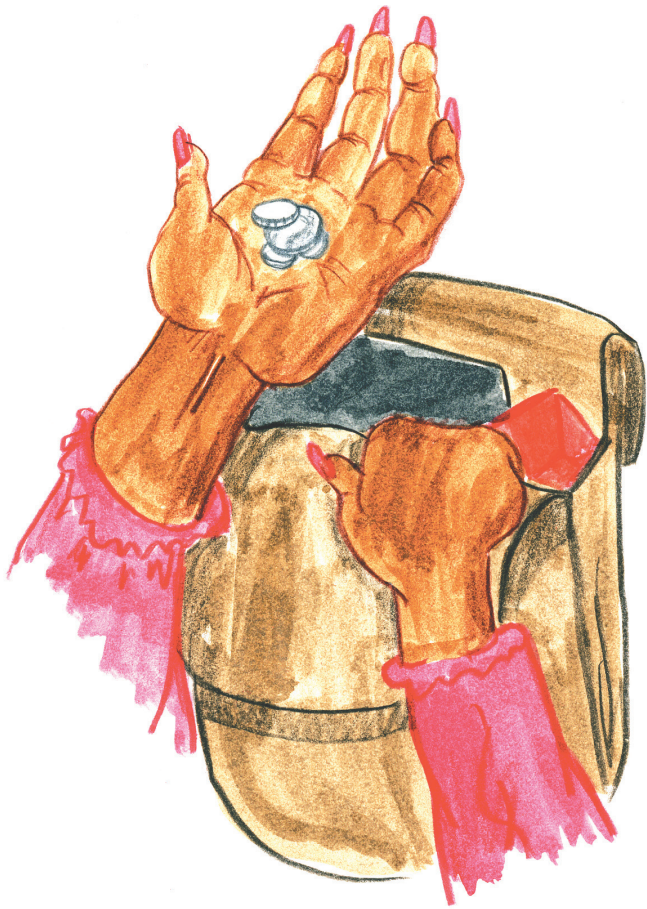
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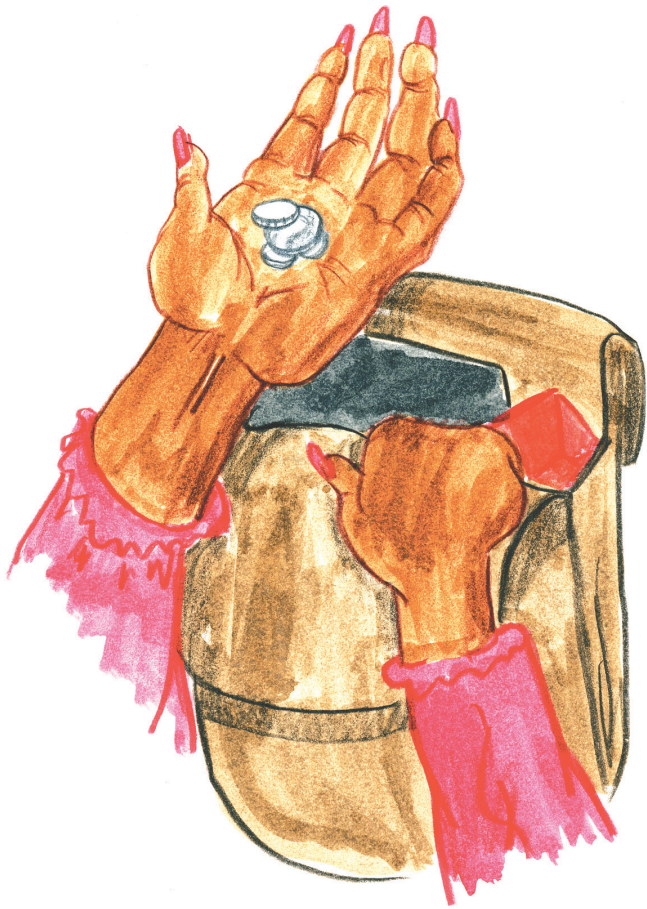
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Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

Comprehension (discussion with reader)

1. How often did the circus come to town?
2. Did Lucy have enough money to buy a ticket to the circus?
3. What did Lucy buy with the money she had left over?
4. Name some of the things that Lucy saw at the circus.
5. Do you think that Lucy was pleased that she purchased a ticket?
6. Tell this story over again in your own words or act it out with some friends. What do you think Lucy did after the circus was over?

Conversation Time

1. What animals are at a circus? (lions, tigers, elephants, horses, giraffes)
2. What else might you see at a circus? (clowns, acrobats, people on a tight rope or a flying trapeze)
3. Do you know the name of the person who is "in charge" of the circus? (the ring master)
4. What is a cent? (a penny) How many cents are five pennies? (five cents)
5. Do you save your cents in a bank at home? What do you think you would buy with your cents? Would you buy a ticket to the circus as Lucy did, or would you buy something else?

Sequencing

Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)

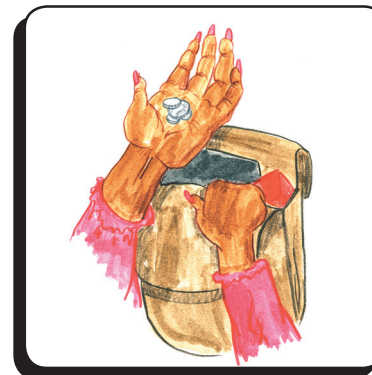


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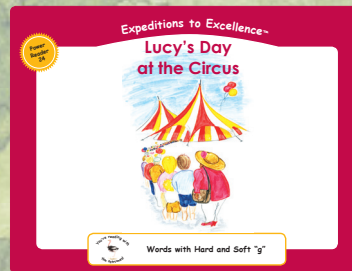
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