

## The Ant and the Grasshoper

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One summer day Grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing and enjoying the sunshine. He noticed the ants passing by carrying a heavy load. They were carrying food to store for the winter. The Grasshopper asked them to stop and play, but they refused and continued to work. The ants reminded Grasshopper that winter was coming and he should prepare for the cold days. The Grasshopper thought this was a silly idea on such a nice day. When winter came, the Grasshopper was cold and hungry. He did not have food to eat or shelter from the cold. His neighbors the Ants had plenty. They all were fed and protected even on the coldest days. He begged them for food, but they did not help. He thought about the summer days and all his playing. He now understood why it is important to work before play.