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The Grasshopper and the Ant



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Synopsis

During a radiant summer, the grasshopper devotes all his time to singing and enjoying life, while the ant works tirelessly to store food.



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AGE	CATEGORY	READING TIME
3-7 years	Fable	2 min

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One sunny summer, the forest was teeming with life and vibrant colors. While all the animals sought shade to rest, the grasshopper would climb to the highest tree branch and sing enthusiastically. He believed that life existed solely to be enjoyed to the fullest.





Beneath that same tree, the ant worked ceaselessly, carrying heavy leaves and seeds back to her anthill. The grasshopper would smile at his neighbor's efforts and say, "Why work so hard, my friend? Summer is long—come sing with me!" But the ant simply continued steadily on her way.



"I need to store food before the cold arrives," the ant replied patiently. "If I don't work now, what will I eat in the winter?" The grasshopper laughed at this advice, thinking the cold was still a long way off, and went right back to strumming his melody in the sunshine, without a care in the world.



The months passed, and the chilly autumn wind swept away the green leaves. Soon, snow covered the ground in white. Shivering from the cold and with an empty belly, the grasshopper realized there was no food left in the frozen forest. He was completely helpless.





In desperation, the grasshopper went to the entrance of the anthill and knocked softly. The ant opened the door, warm and sheltered. Upon seeing the exhausted singer, she took him in and said, "You sang during the summer; now dance to keep the cold away. But learn this: to reap a harvest in the future, one must plant in the present."



THE END

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