

The Ant and The Grasshopper

Once upon a time, in a sunny meadow, there lived a little ant named Annie. Every morning, Annie woke up early and worked hard to gather food for the winter. She walked all around the meadow, picking up crumbs of bread, seeds, and even sweet berries. “I need to gather enough food for my family,” she thought.

While Annie was working, she saw her friend, Gary the Grasshopper. Gary was playing music with his violin. He was jumping and singing happily. “Hello, Annie!” he called. “Why are you working so hard? Come and dance with me!”

Annie smiled but shook her head. “I can’t, Gary. I need to gather food for winter. It will be cold soon. You should collect food too!”

Gary laughed and said, “Oh, I don’t worry about winter! I just want to enjoy today.” Then he started to play his music again.

“Gary,” Annie called, “are you sure you don’t want to help me? Winter is coming soon!”

Gary just smiled and said, “I’ll be fine, Annie! There’s plenty of time.”

Annie sighed but kept working. She knew that winter would be cold and dark. She wanted to be ready.

Days went by quickly. One chilly morning, the first snowflakes began to fall, and the air became cold. Annie was in her warm home, surrounded by food. She felt happy and safe. But outside, Gary was cold and hungry. He knocked on Annie’s door. “Annie! Please help me! I’m so hungry!” Annie opened her door and saw her friend. “Oh, Gary! You can share my

food. But promise me that next time you will prepare for winter too.”

Gary nodded. “I promise, Annie. Thank you for being so kind.”

They sat together in Annie’s warm home and enjoyed the food Annie had prepared. From that day on, Gary made sure to work hard on sunny days. He learned that it was important to work hard to be prepared for the future and have fun.