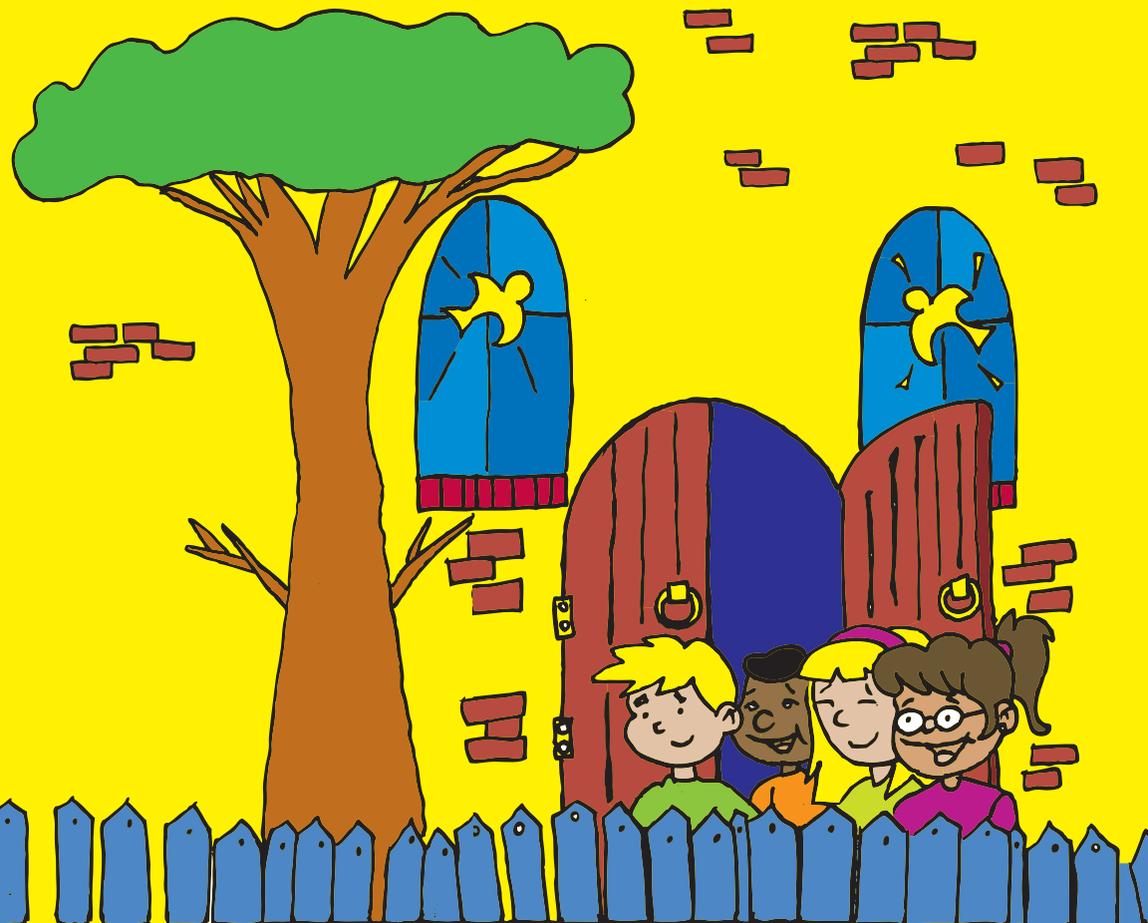


MONEY TOWN KIDS™

Why do we Give?



Hi! Welcome to Crown's Money Town Kids™ stories.
I can't wait to introduce you to everyone!



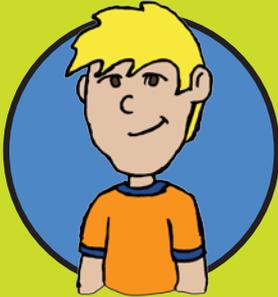
Sarah

She's nine years old and loves to roller-skate.



Raul

He's rough and tough and loves playing football on his team at school.



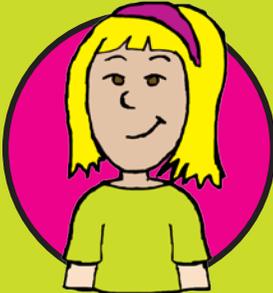
Will

He's just lost his third tooth. He is having trouble saying words with the letter S!



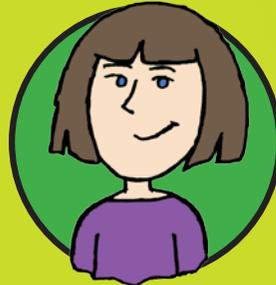
Hannah

She is a bookworm and loves to read every day.



Katie

She loves horses and just about any other type of animal.



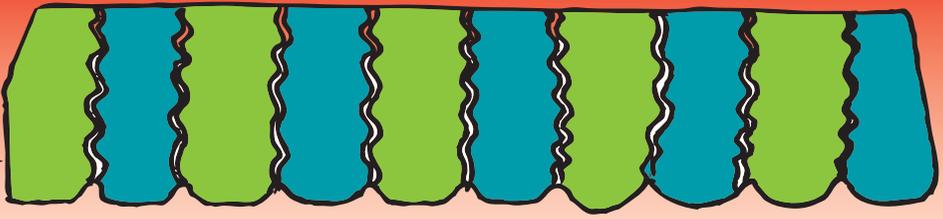
Juni

She is kind of shy but warms up to people once she gets to know them.

One sunny Saturday afternoon, the Money Town kids were taking a break from skateboarding at their local skate park.

That's when Raul spoke up and said, "Every Sunday it seems our preacher asks us for money. We sing a song and the offering plate comes our way! I thought going to church is supposed to be about worshiping God. If I have any money in my pocket, I feel guilty and upset."





“Yeah, that really makes me feel bad too!” said Will. “I got \$10 for my birthday and the last thing I want to do is give it away. It’s mine and I want to spend it on birthday toys like a cool remote control car or a new baseball glove.”

All of the kids nodded in agreement.

Just then, Mr. Johnston, the skate park owner, walked up.

“Hey kids. Everyone having a good time today?”

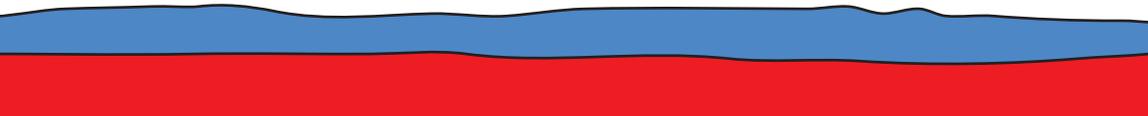
They all liked hanging out at the park, and Mr. Johnston was always nice to them.

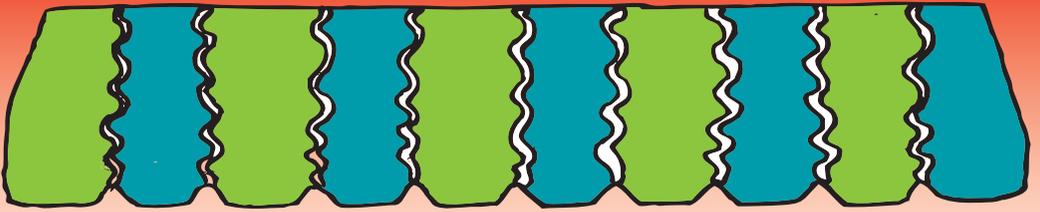
“I couldn’t help overhear what you said about giving money to church. I know how you feel.”

“You do?” asked Katie.

“Yeah, it used to make me upset too—until I heard this story.”

He sat down in the grass beside them and began to speak.



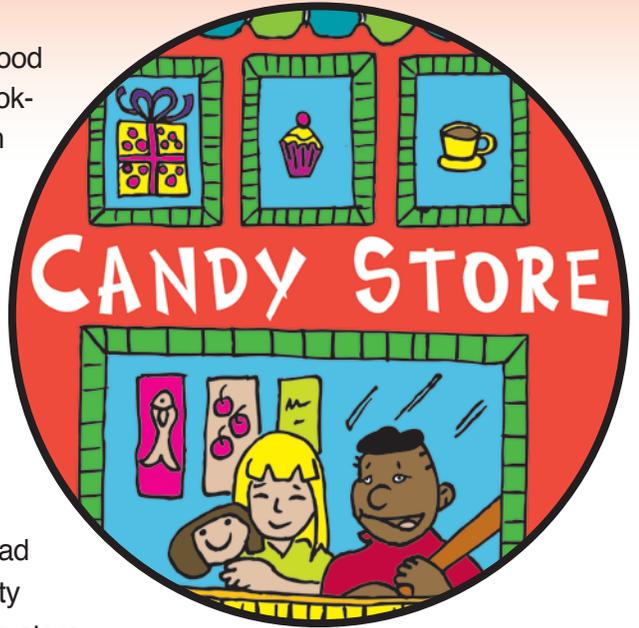


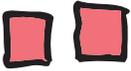
There was a boy who stood outside a candy store looking in. He gazed through the window at all the wonderful treats inside—chocolate bars, caramels, bubble gum and lollipops seemed to dance before his eyes!

Everything looked wonderful, but the boy had no money to buy the tasty sweets. But just then, the store manager opened the door and asked the boy to come inside.

“Excited, but a little nervous, the boy slowly entered the candy store.

“I’m the owner,” the store manager said. “All that you see here is mine. But I’ll make you a deal. I’ll give you 10 pieces of candy, IF you’ll give me one piece back in return.”





The boy could hardly believe his ears. *Did I hear that correctly?* he thought to himself. That sounded like the best deal he had ever heard!

The boy quickly said, “Yes, if you’ll give me 10 pieces of candy, I’ll GLADLY give you back one. That’s a deal!”

The owner handed the boy a brown paper bag and said, “Choose any 10 pieces of candy. All of these candies are my gift to you.”

The boy filled his bag and turned to leave the store.

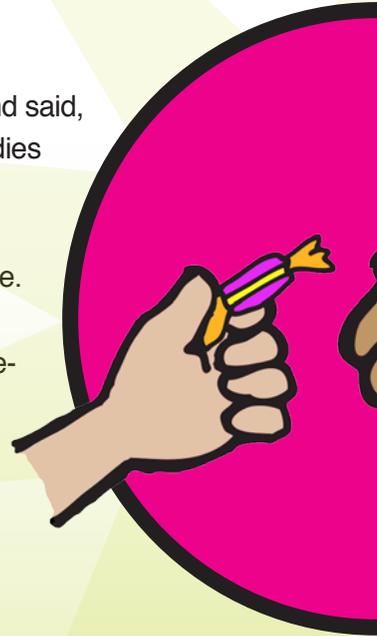
“Wait,” said the owner. “Aren’t you forgetting something? I require one piece of candy in return.”

Embarrassed, the boy could hardly believe he had forgotten to give the one piece of candy back to the owner.

“Here you go,” and he handed the owner a piece of bubble gum.

“Thank you,” said the owner. “I hope you have a good day.”

Mr. Johnston, the skate park manager, finished his story and each of the kids loved it! (And they couldn’t help wanting a piece of candy too!)



But Raul had another question. “Did I miss something? What does this have to do with my preacher asking for money at church?”

Everyone smiled.

“Great question, Raul,” said Mr. Johnston.

“You see, God is like the store owner. He owns the whole world and everything in it— that includes our money.

“God is also very generous. He gives us great things in life—our families, a place to live, food, clothing, and even toys.” Everyone smiled again.

“The Bible says He even gives us the ability to make money too. But God wants us to honor Him with our money by giving Him a little bit back.

“The Bible calls this ‘little bit back’ a *tithe*. It means 10%.

“You see, God owns all of our money—the full 100%. He just asks that we honor and worship Him with our tithe—or 10% of what we make. And doing that helps us to remember that it’s all His anyway.

“So, the next time your preacher asks for money at church, he is simply repeating what God says in the Bible.



“And here’s something else—the money that you give at church is actually given to God. The preacher is just reminding the people that this is their opportunity to give back ‘a little’ to God Who has given each of them ‘a lot’!

“Make sense?” asked Mr. Johnston.

All of the kids nodded their heads and said, “Yes”—even Raul!

