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A Chair for My Mother
by Verna Williams

Summary: A family loses all their furniture in a fire. They set a goal to buy a chair for mother. The family, neighbors, and friends work together for success.

Key ideas: Setting goals, earning
Ages: 6 & up | Discussion Guide Available



Lemonade in Winter
by Emily Jenkins

Summary: On a cold winter day, Pauline and John-John set up a lemonade stand on the street outside their home. They try many ways to sell their drinks and Pauline teaches John-John how to count quarters along the way.

Key ideas: Solving problems, spending
Ages: 3-7 | Discussion Guide Available



Ox-Cart Man
by Donald Hall

Summary: A farm family uses their time, energy, and talents to make or grow almost everything they need. They also make and grow extra things to take to market and sell.

Key ideas: Earning, setting goals
Ages: 4 & up | Discussion Guide Available



My Rows and Piles of Coins
by Tololwa M. Mollel

Summary: A young boy in Tanzania, a country in Africa, works hard and saves all his money for months. He wants to buy a bicycle to help his mother carry items to sell at the market.

Key ideas: Setting goals, saving
Ages: 4-7 | Discussion Guide Available



Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday
by Judith Viorst

Summary: Alexander started the week as a rich young man. There were so many things he could do with a dollar. The money began to disappear.

Key ideas: Prioritizing, saving
Ages: 4 & up | Discussion Guide Available



A Bargain for Frances
by Russell Hoban

Summary: Frances saves and saves for a china tea set. Her friend Thelma tricks her into buying an old plastic tea set. Frances finds a way to get what she really wants.

Key ideas: Setting goals, staying true to yourself
Ages: 6 & up | Discussion Guide Available



The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money
by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Summary: Brother and Sister Bear spend money as soon as they get it. The cubs learn there is more to know about money than just how to spend it.

Key ideas: Making decisions, spending
Ages: 4 & up | Discussion Guide Available

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