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The Ant and the Grasshopper

“Oh, what a marvelous morning!” Grasshopper chirped 7
contentedly. “It’s a wonderful time for singing and playing.” 16
He leaned back to rest against a blade of grass and began 28
humming. 29

About that time, Ant passed by, dragging with great 38
effort a huge crumb of bread that he’d found along the road. 50
“Greetings, Ant,” said Grasshopper. “Why not join me in 59
singing and playing instead of working so hard?” he asked. 69

Ant looked at Grasshopper with pity and replied, “I’m 78
helping set aside food for the winter, and I have some good 90
advice for you. You should do the same.” 98

“Who cares about winter?” asked Grasshopper, bending 105
over to take a bite of a tender shoot of ivy. “There’s plenty 118
of food now,” he said, licking his lips. 126

“Yes,” answered Ant, “it’s a wonderful opportunity and 134
you should take advantage of it.” 140

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Ant continued to toil every day throughout the summer 149
and fall, dragging food bit by bit to his home. Slowly, the 161
amount of food he had stored increased, and he finally 171
stopped to relax. 174

Weeks later, when the ground was covered in snow and 184
icicles dripped from trees, Ant was comfortable and warm 193
in his home. Each day, he brought out bits of food to enjoy. 206
A few feet away, Grasshopper realized that Ant had been 216
right. It is best to prepare for times of need. 226

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