

The Grasshopper and the Ant

In a field one summer's day, a Grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content and lying around in the sun. An Ant passed by, carrying an ear of corn he was taking to the nest.

"Why not come and talk and play with me," asked the Grasshopper, "instead of working so hard?"

"I am helping to lay up a store of food for the winter," said the Ant, "you should do the same."

"Why should I bother about winter?" asked the Grasshopper, "we have plenty of food around for us right now."

But the Ant went on its way and continued to work hard, getting its nest ready for winter and storing away food with the others.

When the winter came it was a different story. The Grasshopper had no food or warm shelter. He was cold and miserable, and found himself hungry. He looked around him and saw that the ant was warm and well fed, in a nest with the others, sharing corn from the stores they had collected in the summer.

Then the Grasshopper knew:

Don't be lazy. Plan ahead or you'll be sorry. Be responsible for yourself and your loved ones.

