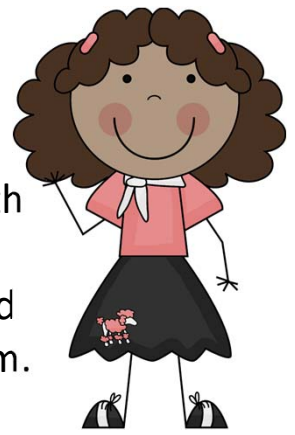


A Wise Money Habit



Faith is a young girl in the third grade who lives in Greenville with her family. Faith was excited because she had just received her weekly allowance from her parents. She held her shiny coins and bills in her hand and thought about what she could do with them. Should she spend them all on candy at the store? Or should she save some for later?

Faith's parents had always taught her the importance of saving money. They explained that saving money could help her achieve her dreams and goals. Faith wanted to buy a new bicycle, and she knew that she would need to save a lot of money for it.

Faith decided to save half of her allowance each week. She found a piggy bank and put her money inside. Every time she received money, she would put some into her piggy bank. She watched with excitement as her piggy bank filled up over time.

One day, Faith's friend Emma invited her to go to the movies. Faith really wanted to go, but she realized she didn't have enough money saved up. She felt a little sad but remembered the importance of saving. Instead of going to the movies, Faith decided to invite Emma over for a movie night at her house. They had just as much fun, and Faith didn't spend any money.

Months passed, and Faith's piggy bank became heavier. She could hear the clinking sound whenever she shook it. Faith knew it was time to count her savings. She carefully opened her piggy bank and began counting the coins. She was amazed to find that she had saved enough money to buy the bicycle she had always wanted!

Faith learned an important lesson about saving money. It taught her patience and discipline. By saving little by little, she was able to achieve her goal. She happily went to the store and bought her new bicycle, feeling proud of herself.

Questions

- 1) Why did Faith decide to save money?
- 2) What did Faith use to save her money?
- 3) Why couldn't Faith go to the movies with her friend Emma?
- 4) What did Faith buy with her saved money?
- 5) What did Faith learn from saving money?
- 6) How do you feel about saving money? Why
- 7) What things do you feel are important to save for?