

## Hard Work is Rewarded

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In the summer the ants were storing food and the grasshoppers luxuriously were playing around and not working. They thought they had plenty of time. But winter came sooner than usual and it was cold. They had not stored enough food for themselves. And they unexpectedly stopped at the ant hill an inch away and mournfully begged for food to nourish their hunger and a place to warm up. The ants listened, shook their heads and sighed, "You may come in if you will play in the band with us." Quickly the grasshoppers hustled to get their instruments. The grasshoppers played songs throughout the winter and made delicious punch. The ants learned hard work is rewarded.

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