

We Need Something to Do

Story By: Judie Eberhardt

Jack and his best friend Rob were out of school for the summer. They had been swimming, gone to the movies, played video games, and even built a fort out of some old cardboard boxes. But today they were so bored. "What are we going to do today?" asked Rob. "We've done just about everything." "I almost wish school was starting soon," said Rob. "At least we would have something to do." Jack thought for a while and said to Rob, "Let's make some popcorn and lemonade and sell it outside." "Do you think your mom would mind?" asked Rob.

The boys went inside and asked Jack's mom if she would help them make some lemonade while they popped the popcorn. "I guess I have time to help you before I go to the post office," said Jack's mom. Jack's mom got the lemons from the refrigerator and also a small amount of sugar. She mixed up the lemonade while the boys started popping the popcorn. In about five minutes the popcorn was ready, and the lemonade was just about finished.

Jack and Rob got a small table from the garage and set it up near the sidewalk. "How much should we charge?" asked Jack. Rob said, "Let's charge a quarter for the popcorn bags and a quarter for the lemonade." "That's sound good to me," said Jack. "Whatever money we make, we'll split. Jack made a red sign telling everyone that popcorn and lemonade was for sale. The boys sat for about ten minutes before they got their first sale. Mrs. Jenkins, one of the neighbors, was walking her dog and decided to stop for a drink. "It's so hot today." "I sure can use a drink," she said. Soon the boys were busy handing out popcorn to Mr. Lawrence. He was walking down the street delivering the mail. "I need a break," he said. "Walking all over the neighborhood gave me an appetite." The boys had only three popcorn bags left and enough lemonade for three more cups. "Wow," said Jack. "I didn't think the popcorn and lemonade would sell that fast." "We made six dollars," said Rob. "Not bad at all." "That means three dollars for each of us," said Jack. "If we get bored again before school starts, we can try selling more lemonade with cookies next time," laughed Rob.



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 - C. Bored
 - D. Excited

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 - B. To the post office
 - C. To the grocery store
 - D. To the dentist

3. Who made the lemonade?
 - A. Rob's mom
 - B. Rob's aunt
 - C. Jack's sister
 - D. Jack's mom

4. Who was Mr. Lawrence?
 - A. The mailman
 - B. A neighbor
 - C. A repairman
 - D. The gardener

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