

The Little Town of Share-A-Lot



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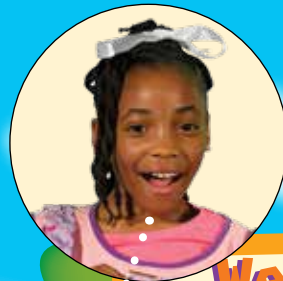
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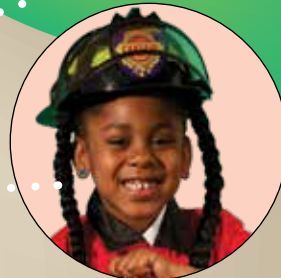
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Welcome
To
Share-A-Lot



Once
there was
a little town
called Share-A-Lot
in which there lived
a doctor,
a veterinarian,
a hair stylist,
a chef,
a construction worker,
a fire fighter,
a police officer,
a train engineer,
and the Mayor.



Now what made the town of Share-A-Lot so special was that nobody ever had to buy anything because everyone was willing to share what they had for just what they needed. So there was no need for money.



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When a patient came to the doctor's office, the doctor would say, "Take two of these and call me in the morning."



The veterinarian would say, "I keep your pets healthy." Neither would charge anything.



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When you needed a haircut, the stylist would ask.
“How do you want it, a little off the top?”



Chef Demi taught people how to eat healthy.
She would say, "Eat fruits and vegetables. Bon Appetit!"



The construction worker would say,
"I build and fix houses."



The firefighter saved many lives and reminded everyone to "Stop, drop, and roll in case of fire!"



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The police officer helped many citizens and told everyone,
"I protect you from criminals."



The train engineer would say, "All aboard! Next stop, Washington, D.C."



All was going well in the little town until one day when the Mayor came up with a brilliant idea.

The Mayor called a town meeting and told everyone that an award would be given to the best citizen in the town.

The doctor asked, "Who will get such an award?"

"Why the most important citizen, of course. The most important citizen shall receive a gold medallion," the Mayor answered.

"A gold medallion?" the veterinarian asked.

"Yes, a gold medallion," answered the Mayor.

The doctor spoke up and said, "As the most important citizen, I shall be happy to receive my award."

"No, it's me," cried the veterinarian. "I keep your pets healthy."

"No, it's me" screamed the hair stylist.



"No, it's me," called the chef.

"I'm the most important citizen," boomed the construction worker.

"I rescue you from burning buildings," yelled the fire fighter.

"I protect you from criminals," shouted the police officer.

"No, it's me," screamed the train engineer.

The Mayor looked at them and said, "But I thought everyone knew that the most important citizen is the Mayor. I do all the important work in the town."



The townspeople all shouted at the Mayor,
“Anything you can do, I can do better. I can do anything
better than you!”

“No you can’t,” yelled the Mayor.

“Yes I can,” each citizen shouted back.

“No you can’t,” the Mayor insisted.

“Yes I can,” each citizen yelled right back.

“No you can’t!”

“Yes I can, yes I can, yes I can! Humpf!”

And with that everyone turned their
backs on the Mayor.





For the first time everyone was angry with one another and no one was in the mood for sharing. Each citizen was ready to prove that he or she was the most important by holding out and not sharing his or her goods or services.

The doctor would not help the sick.

The veterinarian would not take care of animals.

The stylist would not cut anybody's hair.

The chef refused to prepare healthy food.

The construction workers wouldn't build or fix houses.

The fire fighter would not put out fires.

The police officer would not fight crime.

The train engineer stopped the trains.

And the Mayor did not know what to do.



Then one day, when it seemed that things could not get any worse, the Mayor called a town meeting. "My fellow citizens. How do you do? Good to meet you. I have found the answer to our problem. We will share the gold medallion just like we used to share everything else."

The citizens all agreed that was a good idea.

"And as your Mayor, I will be the first to share the gold medallion," the Mayor continued.





The Mayor walked over to the doctor and said, "I have a headache."
The doctor handed the Mayor some pills and said, "Take two of these
and call me in the morning."

"Here is your award," the Mayor said while handing the gold
medallion to the doctor.



The vet said, "I keep your pets healthy." So the doctor gave the vet the gold medallion.



The vet asked the hair stylist for a haircut.
The hair stylist asked, "How do you want it? A little off the top?"
So the vet gave the hair stylist the gold medallion.



"Eat fruits and vegetables. Bon appetit," the chef said.
So the hair stylist gave the chef the gold medallion.



"I build and fix your houses," said the construction worker. So the chef gave the construction worker the gold medallion.



"Stop, drop and roll in case of fire," the fire fighter said.
So the construction worker gave the fire fighter the gold medallion.



"I protect you from criminals," the police officer reminded everyone.
So the fire fighter gave the police officer the gold medallion.





So everyone in the little town of Share-A-Lot learned a valuable lesson about sharing. Now each citizen is teaching his or her child that it is more important to give than to receive.

THE END!

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