

Gold in My Backyard

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Age 7

I have a beautiful backyard, which is filled with flowers, trees, bushes, bees and birds. I love to play in my backyard.

One day, I was playing with my best friend Richard. I was running when we were playing tag. I was accidentally tripped over a rock. I like to collect rocks. I took a closer look and wondered, "Hey, why is the rock yellow?" I dug it out and dusted off the dirt soil and sand. The rock looked very shiny under the sunshine. "Wow, this must be gold!" I shouted. "Look, more gold!" Richard whispered. I followed the way his finger was pointing. I saw some gold coins. It led to a hole in the ground. I reached in the hole and touched something. Then a leprechaun jumped out of the hole and ran away as fast as he could. I stood at the hole and reach in the hole again. Guess what? I found a pot of gold coins!

"What are we going to do with the gold?" Richard asked. "I have an idea. My dad is a banker. He can help us to sell the gold to the bank." I replied. When my dad got home, we told him immediately what happened. He smiled, "Wow, today is your lucky day! Yes, I can help you to sell the gold to the bank. How are you going to spend the money?" I replied, "I will buy a pet, a Wii game, and a lot of books." Richard responded, "I want to buy a motor scooter." Dad continued, "OK. You still have a lot of money left. Would you like to help other people?" I answered, "Yes! I will buy food and clothes for the people who need help. Also, I would like to buy a new swing set for my school's playground." Richard added, "I want to setup a food stand for the poor people." My dad agreed, "Great ideas! Helping people make you happy. I am proud of both of you!"

We were very excited that the gold we found in my backyard could help many people and ourselves.