

### 5. Money Can't Buy Everything

Nick was a 10 year old boy, the only child in his family. Nick's father was a very busy businessman who worked all the time all year round. He came home after Nick was asleep, and was off to the office before Nick woke up in the morning. Nick longed for his father's attention. He wanted to go outdoors and play with his father just like his friends did.

One day, Nick was surprised to see his father at home in the evening.

"Dad! it's a big surprise to see you at home," Nick said.

"Yes, son, my meeting was cancelled. But in two hours I have to catch a flight," his father replied.

"When will you be back?" asked Nick.

"Tomorrow at noon," his father said.

Nick was in deep thought for a while. Then he asked: "Dad, how much do you earn in a year?"

Nick's father looked at Nick with a smile and said, "My dear son, it's a very big amount and you won't be able to understand it."

"Ok dad, are you happy with the amount you earn?"

"Yes, I'm very happy, and in fact I'm planning a new branch and a new office soon. Isn't that great?"

"Yes, dad. I'm happy to hear that. Can I ask you one more thing?"

"Yes, son." said the father.

"Can you tell me how much you earn in a day?"

"Why are you asking this question, Nick?" Nick's father wondered.

"Please answer me, I need to know."

"I make 3000 dollars." said the father.

"3000, you said?" Nick's face lit up with a big smile and rushed upstairs to his room. He came down with a piggy bank in his hand.

"Daddy, I have 125 dollars in my piggy bank. Can you spare one hour for me? I want to have dinner with you tomorrow evening. Can you please mark this on your schedule?"

Nick's father looked at Nick with tears in his eyes. "Money can't buy everything, my son, but I will love to spend the evening with you."

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