

## Found Money

Story By: Judie Eberhardt



Joey was on his way to the park with his friend Kyle. They usually ride their bikes, but today Kyle said he felt like walking. "Sounds good to me," said Joey. They took the shortcut and went past some stores and the local bank. Joey happened to look down as they were crossing the street by the bank. He saw an envelope on the ground near a tree. "Look at this," said Joey. "It's an envelope, and it feels heavy." Kyle took the envelope and said to Joey, "There's a name on the back." "It says Mary Hill." Kyle and Joey decided to open the envelope. Kyle said, "Oh my gosh, there is \$300.00 in here!" "Wow!" cried

Joey. "Does that mean we get to keep it?" "Are you kidding?" asked Kyle. "We can't keep this money." "That would be so dishonest." "We should go into the bank and tell them we found the money." "They will probably be able to find the lady who lost it," said Kyle. "I still think we should just keep the money and not say anything." Kyle was so surprised that his friend would even think to keep the money.

While they were sitting there, an elderly lady came walking by, and she seemed to be searching the ground near the boys. She had white hair and walked with a slight limp. "Hello boys," she said. "You didn't happen to find an envelope on the ground?" she asked. She didn't see the envelope because Kyle had put it in his back pocket. "That money was to take my sick dog to the vet, and now I seemed to have misplaced it." "Poor Misty won't get better if I can't find that money." All of a sudden, the boy's faces turned a funny shade of red. Kyle took the envelope from his back pocket, but before he gave her the envelope, he asked her name. "I'm Mary Hill," said the woman. "Why?" she asked. "We just found the envelope, and we wanted to make sure you were the right person before we gave you the money." "We were going to bring it to the bank," said Kyle. Joey just sat there quietly feeling very guilty for wanting to keep the money. "You boys deserve a reward," said Mary Hill. "I'm going to give you \$20.00 to split." "Thank you so much," said Kyle. Mary Hill took the money and was on her way. After she left, Kyle said, "You see, honesty is the way to go." "You're right," said Joey. "It was wrong of me to want to keep the money." "Now her dog can go to the vet and get better." The boys decided to head on to the park and felt good knowing they did the right thing, especially Joey.

**Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.**

**1. Where were Joey and Kyle going?**

- A. To the store      B. To the movies      C. To a friend's house      D. To the park

**2. What did the boys find on the ground?**

- A. An envelope with money      B. A dollar bill      C. A watch      D. A wallet

**3. How much money did the boys find?**

- A. \$100      B. \$200      C. \$300      D. \$400

**4. Why did the elderly lady need the money?**

- A. To buy a T.V.      B. To go to the vet      C. To go to the store      D. To go on vacation

**5. What did Kyle do after he took the envelope from his pocket?**

- A. He asked the lady her name.      B. He sneezed.  
C. He counted the money.      D. None of the above

