The Fiddle and the Corn

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Grasshopper had a fiddle. He played it all day long.

The ants had a job. They got corn for winter.

"Come and dance!" said Grasshopper. "Why do you work so much?"

"We have no time," said an ant. "Winter will come."

"We must get ready," said the ant. Grasshopper just laughed.

"There is lots to eat now!" he said. He played on.

The ants got corn all summer. Grasshopper played his fiddle.

Then the wind got cold. Snow fell on the grass.

Grasshopper had no corn. He had no seeds.

His tummy was sad and hungry. He went to the ants' door.

"Can I have some food?" he said.

"You played all summer," said an ant. "Why not play now?"

Grasshopper looked down. "I should have got ready," he said.

The ants smiled. "Come in," they said. "We have lots to share."

Grasshopper ate corn by the fire. Then he played his fiddle.

The ants danced and danced.