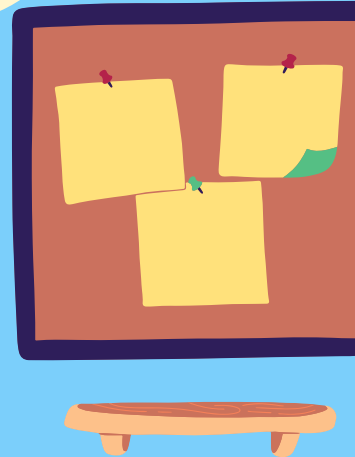


THIVYA'S BIG DECISION



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Thivya is an energetic eight-year-old who lives with her Amma (mom), Appa (dad), and younger brother Ravi, in a vibrant, diverse neighborhood in NYC.



One rainy morning, Amma started making tea for everyone, but realized the milk was finished!



Appa was getting ready to buy milk from the grocery store and asked Thivya, “Would you like to join me?”



“Yes!” Thivya eagerly replied. She loves going on trips with Appa.

While walking through the store, she spots colorful markers.



Thivya loves to draw so these would be perfect to make her drawings better!

“Appa, can we get this?” asks Thivya.



Appa replied, “No kanna, we just bought you those color pencils recently.”



“I know! But I really want these markers!”
exclaims Thivya.

Determined to get the markers, she asks, “What if I buy it with the money I have saved?”



“That’s a great idea! Next time I come grocery shopping, we can buy your markers,” said Appa.

As soon as Thivya gets home, she checks how much money she has saved in her piggy bank.



Only \$5! She needs to save her next allowance to have enough money to buy the colorful markers.



Next week, Appa gives Thivya and Ravi
their monthly allowance.



“Thank you, Appa!” Thivya says.



**She now has \$10 which is enough
money to buy the colorful markers
she saw at the store!**

Ravi shouts, "I'm rich!"



Thivya, Appa and Amma laugh.

“Yes, Ravi! If you save your money over time, you can become rich!” says Appa



“It’s always good to have money saved in case you want to buy something you need!” Amma states.

The next day, something exciting happens at school.



Thivya's class teacher, Mrs. Rodriguez, announces the class is going on a field trip to the science museum next month!



The trip costs \$4 and students can also bring extra money to buy something at the gift store.



Thivya and her classmates are really excited about the science museum trip!

At dinner, Thivya tells her parents about the science trip and the gift store.



“That sounds like an exciting field trip!”

Appa responds.



Amma says, “I’ll put the money in an envelope to give to your teacher tomorrow.”

“Can I have some extra money to buy something at the gift shop?” Thivya asks.



“Kanna, we just gave you your monthly allowance. You can use that.” Appa says.

Thivya shouts, "But, I am saving that to buy the colorful markers from the store!"



"I'm sorry kanna. But we give you the allowance so you can buy things you want."
Amma says.

Thivya is torn!



She really wants the colorful markers but doesn't want to miss out on the cool things at the science museum gift store.

Thivya has to make a decision!



What do you think she should do?

If you think she should buy the
colorful markers, go to the next page.



If you think she should bring her
money on the science museum trip,
go to page 36.



Thivya decides to use her money to
buy the colorful markers.



She doesn't know what kind of items
will be at the gift store and she
doesn't want to take a risk.

On the next grocery trip Appa takes,
Thivya goes along so she can buy her
colorful markers.



At the checkout line, she proudly
hands over her \$10 .



On the drive home, Appa asks Thivya,
“Are you happy with your purchase?”



“Yes! Very happy.” Thivya exclaims.

As soon as she gets home, she starts
using them to draw her favorite
animals.



Finally, the day has come for the science trip!



**Thivya and her friends look at all the exhibits
and are fascinated by the displays!**

Once the children have finished looking through the museum, Mrs. Rodriguez brings the class to the museum gift shop.



Thivya spots these colorful glow in the dark markers. It costs \$8!



Unfortunately, she doesn't have any money to buy them. Thivya was disappointed.



She could have bought them with her allowance if she didn't buy those other colorful markers at the grocery store!

But, when she got home, she was happy she bought the colorful markers.



She now has lots of inspiration from the science museum for her drawings.



The End



Thivya thinks about it. She loves art,
but what if she finds something cool
at the science museum?



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This means she can use her saved allowance to buy the markers!

At the checkout line she proudly hands over her allowance money.



As she waits with her classmates to be picked up, she feels happy she waited to buy the glow in the dark markers as opposed to the regular ones.



Once Appa arrives, Thivya eagerly hops in.



“Appa! Guess what I bought today with my allowance? Glow in the dark markers!”

“That’s great, kanna! What are you going to draw first?” Appa asks.



“Dinosaurs!” Thivya exclaims.

Once she gets home, she starts drawing dinosaurs with her glow in the dark markers.





The End

