Story Message and Lesson

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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"Come and sing with me!" Grasshopper called. "Why work on such a sunny day?"

"I am storing food for winter," Ant said. "You should do the same." Grasshopper just laughed and played another song.

Soon the leaves turned brown and fell. Then snow covered the fields. Ant stayed warm in her nest with plenty of grain. Grasshopper was cold, and he could not find a single seed.

He knocked on Ant's door. "Please, may I have a little food?" he asked.

Ant shared some of her grain with him. Grasshopper thanked her. "Next summer, I will work and play," he said.

1. What lesson does this story teach?
   Always play when the sun is out.
   Get ready now for what you will need later.
   Never share with someone who asks.

2. Which action of Ant shows the lesson?
   She stayed warm in her nest in winter.
   She sang songs with Grasshopper.
   She carried grain to her nest all summer.

3. Why did Ant work on sunny days?
   She did not like music at all.
   She knew food would be hard to find in winter.
   She wanted to beat Grasshopper in a race.

4. What happened first in the story?
   Snow covered the fields.
   Grasshopper knocked on Ant's door.
   Ant carried grain while Grasshopper played.

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