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Brotherly Love

By Kelly Hashway

Michael raked the last of the leaves into a small pile. There weren't even enough to jump in. "Mom and Dad are never going to pay me for raking this little bit of leaves."

"What are you talking about?" Greg asked, walking up behind him.

"I'm trying to do extra chores so I can make enough money to buy the new *Space Invaders* video game, but there's nothing to do around here." Michael sighed and looked around.

"You could offer to wash Mom and Dad's cars," Greg said.

Michael's face lit up. "That's a great idea."

"I bet some of the neighbors would pay you to wash theirs, too. It's getting colder and no one is going to want to wash the cars themselves."

Michael nodded. The air was cold. He shivered at the thought of washing cars and getting wet in this cold weather. "Maybe this isn't a good idea."

Greg placed his hand on Michael's shoulder. "I have some golf gloves that are designed for wet, cold weather. I'll loan you a pair, and I'll even help you wash the cars."

"Really? You'd help me and let me keep the money?"

"Sure. Golf season is over. I won't need the extra cash for a while." Greg disappeared inside the house.

Michael asked his parents if he could wash their cars for a small fee. When they agreed, he asked some neighbors, too. Three more agreed. Michael got a bucket, some sponges, towels, and soap. Greg came back outside with the gloves.

"Here you go. They might be a little big for you, but they'll keep your hands warm and



dry.”

“Thanks.” Michael still couldn’t believe his brother was helping him earn the money like this. He was going to have to think of a way to repay him.

After spending the day washing cars, Michael looked at the stack of money he’d made. He counted the bills carefully.

“Well?” Greg asked. “Do you have enough for that video game?”

“Yeah.” Michael smiled.

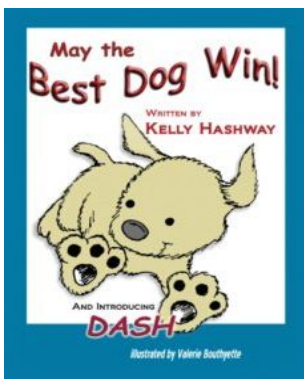
“Then let’s go buy it.” Greg drove Michael to the mall.

Michael found the game immediately, but as he took it off the shelf he saw a golf video game next to it. Michael looked at Greg and thought of how he’d helped him earn the money. Greg loved golf and wouldn’t get to golf again until spring. Unless...

“What are you doing?” Greg asked as Michael put his game back and brought the golf game to the register.

“I thought this golf video game would be more fun. We can play it together.”

About the Author



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1. Explain why Michael was raking leaves in the beginning of the story.

2. Circle the three words that best describe Greg.

selfish selfless kind funny quiet helpful greedy

3. What might have been the temperature outside on the day when Michael and Greg washed cars?

- a. 77° F (25° C) b. 83° F (28° C)
c. 53° F (12° C) d. 23° F (-5° C)

4. Michael believes in...

- a. persuading others to do work for him
b. asking for help when he needs it
c. giving money away to people in need
d. working hard to earn money for the things he wants

5. What kind thing did Michael do for Greg at the end of the story?

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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.

1. _____ chores

a. pile

2. _____ golf

b. to become unseen

3. _____ fee

c. to let someone borrow something

4. _____ repay

d. cost; price

5. _____ stack

e. pail

6. _____ disappeared

f. household jobs

7. _____ bucket

g. to pay back

8. _____ loan

h. game in which a hard ball is struck with a club

❖ **Now try this:** Find each of the words above in the story and highlight them.

