

Reading into Success Story Guides

Social Emotional Learning

Before Reading:

- Read the title aloud, along with the author and illustrator. Ask for a prediction on what the book will be about, after showing the cover.
- Do a picture walk by flipping through the pages looking at the illustrations. Let the child make observations. You do not have to read text, unless you want to draw attention to any special features.
- Have you ever wanted several toys at the same time? How did you choose which one to get/wanted most? Why was it a hard choice?

During Reading:

- What does Sonny want to do with his allowance? Why is this a problem?
- How does Sonny's mom help him make a choice? Why is this helpful?

After Reading:

- What did Sonny learn about spending? (*not everything costs the same amount*)
- Did Sonny get everything he wanted? Was it okay that he did not?

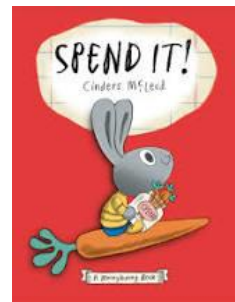
Putting into Practice:

- Was it tough on Sonny that he could not get everything he wanted? How do you think he was feeling?
- Sonny had to wait and make choices. Have you ever had to wait to do something? How did it feel to wait?
- Why is waiting tough? How can waiting be a good thing? (*can help you see what is really important to you*)

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A storybook guide for **Spend It!** written and illustrated by Cinders McLeod.

SEL Competencies

Self-Management,
Responsible
Decision-Making

Themes

Money, Problem
Solving, Choices,
Delayed Gratification

Book

Description

Sonny gets an allowance every week. Problem is he wants all the toys. With his mom's help, Sonny learns to problem solve and make a choice.