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比賽時，參賽員必須從主辦單位提供之以下三篇文章中自選一篇準備上台朗誦。

1. **A Lazy Farmer**
2. **Sherry and Her Grandma**
3. **The Story of Jim and Jill**

## A Lazy Farmer

A lazy farmer liked to eat but hated to work. He daydreamed all day long about becoming a rich man. One day, he found a lot of ripe corn in a cornfield nearby. He sneaked into the field and picked a whole bag of corn. He thought happily, "If I sell the corn in the market, I will earn a lot of money." "And then, I can buy chickens. When the chickens grow up, I can sell them and buy sheep." "The sheep will have lambs. After the lambs grow up, I will sell them and earn a bunch of money. Until that time, I will be able to buy a land to plant fruit trees. I'll hire workers to water, weed and take care of the trees."

The more the farmer daydreamed, the more he was pleased. Finally, he forgot he was stealing corn and laughed loudly. His sounds of laughter were so loud that the owner heard them. The owner yelled right away, "Thief! Catch the thief. " "How dare you not work and just steal from others!" Many friends of the owner came to run after the thief and shouted. The lazy farmer was frightened and ran away. The whole bag of picked corn was left behind. He did not carry away any corn.

From that time on, the lazy farmer dared not come closer to the cornfield any more. He started to work hard and became a hard-working farmer.

## Sherry and Her Grandma

One day, Sherry's grandma was sick. Sherry's mother received a letter from grandma. Mom asked Sherry to take a basket of food with her and went to visit her grandma. On the way, Sherry saw some friends playing hide and seek. She waved goodbye to them and walked on. And then, she met a big bad wolf. The wolf got nothing to eat for many days, so he was very hungry and wanted to eat both Sherry and her grandma. The wolf told Sherry to pick some flowers in the forest as a gift for her grandma. Then he ran very fast to the old lady's house. He knocked on the door, went into the house, leapt on to grandma's bed and swallowed her all. After a while, the wolf put on her clothes, jumped into her bed, and pretended to be the grandma.

When Sherry arrived, she asked "her grandma" why she looked so strange with very big eyes, ears and teeth. The wolf said nothing but jumped out of the bed suddenly and ate Sherry, too. Luckily, a hunter passed by, heard the noise, and saved both of them from the wolf's stomach. Grandma and Sherry said, "Thank you very much for helping us. Grandma, Sherry, and the hunter shared the basket of food and had a great afternoon.

## The Story of Jim and Jill

Jim and Jill were brother and sister. Their dad was a poor woodcutter. One night, Mom told Dad, "We have no more food." Dad felt worried. Jim went to his sister and said, "Jill, wake up. We have no more food." Jill cried and asked, "What can we do?" They planned to go to the forest to get more wood for their dad. They walked into the forest. It was quiet. Jill felt scared. She asked, "Can we find the way home?" Jim had a good idea. He dropped some bread on the ground to help them find the way home. But the birds ate up all the bread. They couldn't go home. They got lost in the forest. They felt cold and hungry.

Luckily, they saw a cookie house and went inside. Without asking, they ate the chocolate window and candy door. A woman came in and shouted, "How dare you!" She got Jill and put her in a cage. She wanted to eat Jill so she told Jim to light a fire. She asked Jim, "Is the stove hot?" Jim was smart. He said, "Please come and check." The woman looked into the stove and Jim pushed her inside. The woman was on fire. Jim helped Jill out of the cage. They ran away together. On their way home, they saw their dad and mom. Happily, they found more and more wood with efforts. They worked together and made more money. Of course, they lived a happy life finally.