

THE ANT AND THE CRICKET

It is said that one should save something for rainy day. Those who do not make efforts to make their future safe and bright are ruined, Time is merciless. It takes pity on no one. God helps only those who help themselves. The joys of present must not make us neglectful of the hard days of future. The following story illustrates this hard reality.

The winter was in full swing. It had sleeted and snowed very heavily. The intolerably intense cold had prevailed everywhere. A famished cricket went out in search of food but found nothing to eat. He was shivering with cold and hunger. He was about to perish when he came across an ant. He requested her to give him some food to eat. The ant took pity on him. She made her mind to help him but suddenly withheld. She asked the cricket why he had not treasured up food during the summer. Was he not aware of the hard days of winter? Did he not know that it would be difficult to have food