Penny Pigeon
AND THE MISSING NEST EGG
Penny Pigeon liked to snatch things from other birds’ nests. Not only did she grab wiggly worms and fuzzy leaves, but she often stole the money being saved for the baby birds’ future.
One day she was caught in the act of stealing Rosa Robin’s nest egg by an alert cardinal named Carl. “I saw your sneaky snatching of Rosa’s egg!” said Carl. “All the birds know that you have sticky claws!”
Penny’s beak opened so wide that she dropped the nest egg to the ground. “I’m reporting this snatch to Judge Blue Jay!” said Carl.
The next day, Judge Blue Jay called Penny Pigeon to court to talk about her sneaky problem.
The judge read Penny’s rap sheet, with a list of all she had grabbed from nests over the years. He shook his feathery head slowly.
“Why do you snatch other birds’ valuables?” asked Judge Blue Jay. “I feel the need to feather my nest with their treasures for the future,” replied Penny.
“Do you know that all the birds call you ‘Penny the pickpocket Pigeon’?” asked the judge. Penny sadly buried her head in her wings.
“You need to start feathering your nest through seeking and saving your own valuables instead of taking treasures from others,” Judge Blue Jay replied. “Nest eggs belong to the birds that plan and prepare their nests. You will gain more for the future through planning and gathering rather than grabbing.”
Penny took Judge Blue Jay’s words to heart and began a new way to hunt and save treasures without stealing from other birds.
She planned her searches for valuables carefully and gained money through investing in birdseed. Her new skills soon feathered her nest with food, warm leaves and a nest egg of money.
Now the birds call her “Penny who pinches pennies for the future Pigeon.”
“The Money Moral is a plan to save increases your nest egg for the future.”