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.”
**DIRECTIONS:** Number the clouds to show the order in which the fable events happened. Then draw a line to connect a flight path for Penny Pigeon.

1. Penny's nest is filled with food, leaves and money.
2. Penny snatches Rosa Robin's nest egg.
3. Penny is caught by Carl Cardinal.
4. Penny meets with Judge Blue Jay.
5. Penny plans and invests in birdseed.
The birds in Thriftyville—Penny Pigeon, Rosa Robin, Carl Cardinal and Judge Blue Jay—want to save for bird supplies. Each bird wants to save for a different product.

Use the clues below to find out each bird’s savings goal.

1. Rosa has a supply of birdseed and a new nest.
2. Judge Blue Jay likes to cool his feathers after a hot, sunny day.
3. Penny has bedding made from soft fabric, but no place to put it.
4. Carl is tired of searching for food every day.

Use the chart to help you narrow your choices until you find the correct goal for each bird. Read one clue at a time to eliminate choices that won’t work for a bird. Make an “X” in each box that can’t be a right choice, based on the clue. Make a $ in the box you know is the right goal for each bird. Each row and column should have three “X”s and one $. Good luck!
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Penny Pigeon grabbed wiggly worms and fuzzy leaves from other birds’ nests.
Penny Pigeon was caught stealing Rosa Robin’s nest egg by Carl Cardinal.
Judge Blue Jay tells Penny to plan and gather her own valuables instead of taking from others.
Penny Pigeon soon feathered her nest with food, warm leaves and a nest egg of money.
MONEY MORAL:

"A plan to___________________increases your nest egg for the future."