





## KIRBY-GAMPS-IN-THE-BACKAYARDI

Kirby had just walked in from school and dropped his backpack by the front door. Mama saw him from where she was peeling potatoes for dinner. "Kirby, where does your backpack go?"

"Sorry, Mama, I will take it to my room," replied Kirby. He promptly picked up his backpack and went straight to his room.
"I have a little homework to finish before dinner."

Kirby's Mom knocked on his door. "Kirby, it's time to eat. Are you finished?"

"I am, Mama. I want to ask you and Papa a question," said Kirby.

Papa looked up from his paper and asked, "Kirby, what is your question?"

Kirby grinned as he pondered how to ask. He wasn't sure they would agree, but his friend Casey had made it sound so fun. "Well," Kirby started. "My friend Casey was telling me about how his family camped in their backyard last weekend. They roasted marshmallows, told ghost stories, played games and even looked at the constellations. Po you think we could do that this weekend. Papa?"

Papa pondered for a moment before answering, "We don't have a tent, Kirby."

Kirby smiled. He knew they liked the idea or Papa would have said no. "That's the best part Papa. They built a tent out of blankets and slept in sleeping bags. We could do that, Papa. Right, Mama?" Kirby asked.

"Yes, we could! It would be fun," agreed Mama, as she looked at Papa nodding his head.

"Saturday night . . . WE CAMP," said Papa, making Kirby laugh.

Saturday morning, Mama woke Kirby saying, "Get up. We need to go get our snacks for our camping trip."

"What are we getting?" asked Kirby.

"Snacks, lots and lots of snacks, Kirby," Mama smiled. "We will need marshmallows, graham crackers and chocolate bars to make S'mores. Then, instead of buying trail mix, we will make our own. It will be more money, but we will get a lot more by making homemade. That means it's cheaper in the long run, Kirby. Plus, then you will have a healthy treat for your lunches next week or a snack after school."

Kirby climbed in the car and asked Mama, "What will we need? I grabbed a pen and paper, so I can write a list. That way we get only what we need."

Mama smiled. Kirby was becoming a very responsible young man. "Ok, Kirby," Mama said as she rattled off the ingredients for trail mix. "Peanuts, almonds, cashews, raisins, and some chocolate candies or chips . . . that should do it."

Kirby couldn't wait to camp with his family tonight. It was something new for them, but he knew it would be fun.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

In 2006, for the first time ever, it cost more money to strike (yes, it is called striking, when producing coins) a penny than it was actually worth. The reason why is the cost of materials. A penny is 2.5% copper and 97.5% zinc. Gosts have gone up because it costs more to mine them. Now, can you guess how much more it costs? A penny is worth 16, but cost a whopping 2416 to strike in 2017. The US mint, the government agency that prints paper money and strikes coins, decided the coin is used for too many transactions to discontinue use, so it is staying.

### BACKYARD FUN-

Kirby knows some of his favorite times are when he is spending time with his family. It doesn't matter what they do. There are always lots of laughs. Some of the best times are doing things in their own backyard. Here's a list of some of Kirby's favorite backyard family activities.

- Camping
- Flying kites
- Playing football, kickball or soccer

- Croquet
- Barbecues
- Looking at the stars and learning about constellations
- Milk Money game (Instructions are under activities on the Kirby Kangaroo page of your Credit Union's website)



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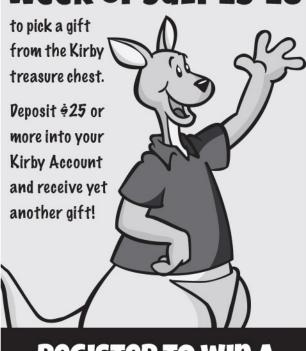


# KIRBY Week

# IS COMING IN JULY!

Stop in during the

#### **Week of July 23-28**



# REGISTER TO WIN A GRAND PRIZE

of either a Lego "City" or a Police Travel Case, your choice!

# ROAD TRIP GAME!

Kirby loves to go on road trips with Mama and Papa Roo. Mama always makes them fun by playing games. This game is one of his favorites. Take it with you on your next road trip.

The rules are simple. Find each item on the list. When you find it, mark the line next to it. The first person to find them all wins. If no one finds them all, the person who found the most wins.

Is it a long road trip?

Make the game longer by adding some of your own items to find.

\_\_\_ Blue Car \_\_\_ Dog

\_\_ Lake or River \_\_\_ Traffic Light

\_\_ Stop Sign \_\_\_ Airplane

\_\_\_ Person Walking \_\_\_ Yellow School Bus

\_\_ Semi-Truck \_\_ Bridge

