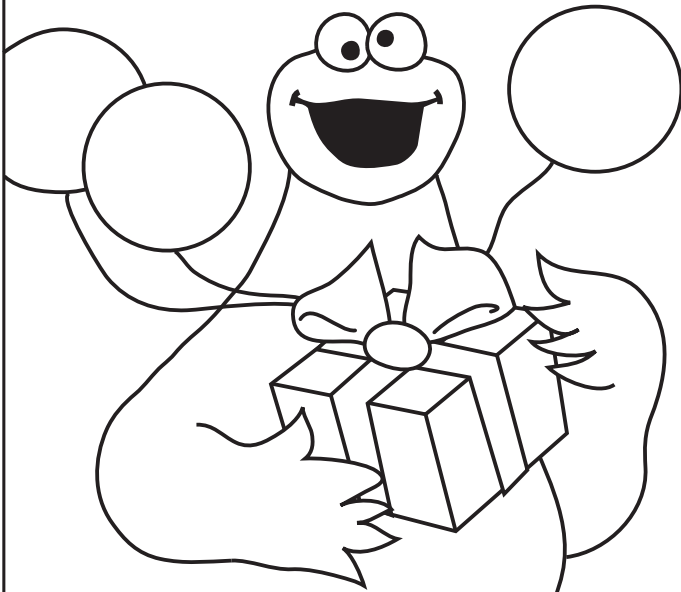


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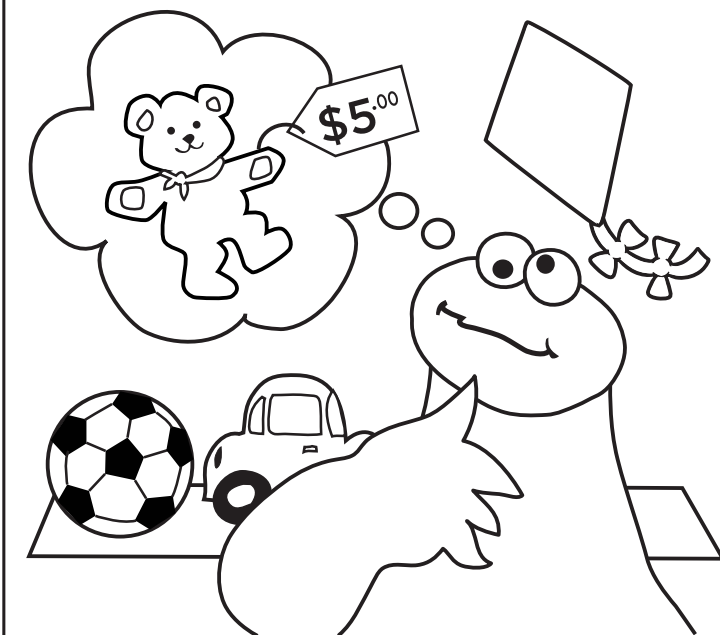
A story about sharing, spending, and saving.



Elmo's birthday is coming up and Cookie Monster wants to buy him a gift. What should he spend his money on? There are so many choices!



Cookie Monster wants to buy the teddy bear for Elmo. It's the perfect choice.



Uh-oh, Cookie Monster doesn't have enough money saved in his jar. He only has four dollars. He needs one more dollar to make five dollars. But he has an idea! He can open a cookie stand to earn money to buy a teddy bear!



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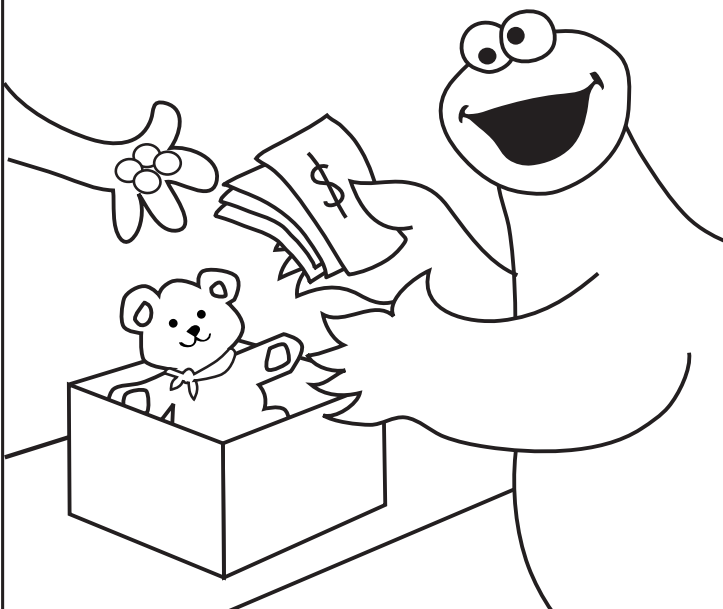
Cookie Monster sets up a cookie stand to sell healthy oatmeal cookies. It's hard not to eat them! But he knows if he keeps working he can earn enough money to buy the gift for Elmo.



Cookie Monster puts the money he earned into his savings jar. Now he has five dollars—just enough to buy the teddy bear!



Cookie Monster spends the money he has saved on the teddy bear. He is so excited to give the gift to Elmo!



**Elmo loves the teddy bear!  
Thank you, Cookie Monster!**

