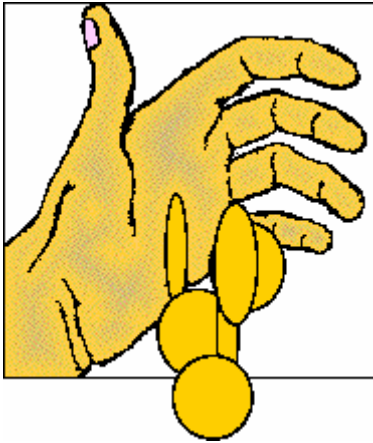
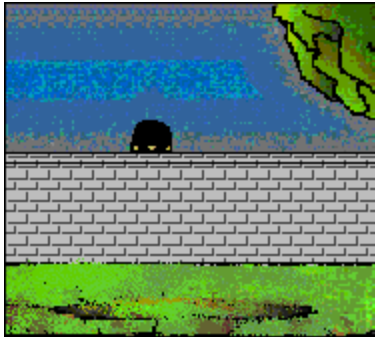
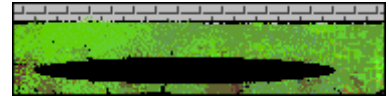


The Miser and his Gold

Once upon a time there was a Miser who used to hide his gold at the foot of a tree in his garden; but every week he used to go and dig it up and gloat over his gains.



A robber, who had noticed this, went and dug up the gold and decamped with it. When the Miser next came to gloat over his treasures, he found nothing but the empty hole. He tore his hair, and raised such an outcry that all the neighbors came around him, and he told them how he used to come and visit his gold.



"Did you ever take any of it out?" asked one of them.



"Nay, said he, "I only came to look at it."

"Then come again and look at the hole," said a neighbor; "it will do you just as much good."

Message: Wealth unused might as well not exist.

Vocabulary:

1. Miser- One who lives very meagerly in order to hoard money

2. Gloat- To feel or express great, often malicious, pleasure or self-satisfaction
3. Decamped- to depart from a camp or camping ground

Let's Talk:

1. What did the miser do with his gold?
2. How did the robber learn about his treasures?
3. What was the miser's reaction when he saw the hole empty?
4. What did his neighbors do when they learned about what happened to his treasures?
5. What is meant by message of the story?
6. How should one's treasures be used?