

Grounded Big Time

INT. KATHRYN'S ROOM

Kathryn is doing her homework. Scott knocks.

Go away! KATHRYN

(Whispering) It's me. SCOTT

Go away! KATHRYN

(Opening door) I'm sorry. SCOTT

Get out of here! KATHRYN

Don't be mad. SCOTT

Scott, I'm grounded for six weeks!!! No TV! No phone!
No dates! Nothing! KATHRYN

Mom was really mad. SCOTT

She was screaming! KATHRYN

Then why didn't you tell her you didn't steal the money? SCOTT

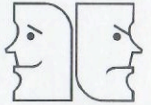
'Cause she would've known that you did. KATHRYN

I'm sorry. SCOTT

Don't tell me. Tell Mom. KATHRYN

I can't. She said the next time I steal something, she's going
to make me sit in the yard holding a sign that says 'thief'. SCOTT

That would be embarrassing. Why do you steal anyway? KATHRYN



SCOTT

I don't know. 'Cause I need stuff. Everybody at school gets
an allowance expect for us.

KATHRYN

Are you doing drugs?

SCOTT

No! I just wanna buy cool things like everybody else.

KATHRYN

But Dad says anytime we want money all we have to do is
ask and...he'll give us a job to earn it.

SCOTT

It's no fair we have to work for our money.

KATHRYN

You think stealing isn't working? First you have to find the
money. Then steal it. And then worry about getting caught.
And then when you do get caught, and you always do, then
you have to be punished. And then they make you give
back all the money. So you go through all of that and you
get nothing.

SCOTT

I never looked at it like that before.

KATHRYN

You could do one of Dad's jobs in half the time. And you'd
get paid. And then you could ask him for another job and
get paid more. I bet you'd have a lot more money than
anybody else at school.

SCOTT

Yeah. You're right.

KATHRYN

Plus your sister wouldn't be grounded.

SCOTT

Can I borrow some paper and markers?

KATHRYN

What for?

SCOTT

I need to make a sign that says 'thief' on it.

KATHRYN

(Giving him a big hug) You're the best!