



## Funny Stuff

Q. What do you get when you cross a shark with a snowman?

A. Frostbite!

Q. Why do kids like Frosty the Snowman?

A. Because he's cool!



## Other ways to help

One of the seven cooperative principles your credit union lives by is "Concern for Community." Your family can help your community too.

Like Kirby, you can donate coats, clothing, food, and gifts for those in need. Volunteer to serve food at your local soup kitchen or help build homes for families through Habitat for Humanity.

Don't forget our furry friends – you can take old blankets and sheets to the shelter and donate bags of pet food and treats. Volunteer to walk dogs or cuddle kitties. Participate in your local fun run to raise funds to care for your local zoo animal friends.

Participate in your local walk-a-thons for cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's, or other charities.

Save your money, and spend your money wisely, but also put aside some money to share with others in need. You'll feel happy and proud to help someone else. See save-spend-share ideas on the [Do You Roo](#) Pinterest page.

## Kirby Gives Back

The holidays were coming and Kirby Kangaroo's parents were discussing ways to help their community. "I really want to help but I don't know what a kid can do," Kirby said.

"There are plenty of ways to help. And helping will make you feel happy. You'll see," his dad said.

That afternoon, Kirby and his mom and dad went to their credit union so Kirby could deposit some money he had saved. There was a big Christmas tree there decorated with not just ornaments but also little paper tags tied with ribbons. There were also some big boxes with a sign saying it was a coat collection.

The teller explained to Kirby that the tags on the tree had names of local families with children who were not as fortunate as Kirby to have enough money for a big holiday. The coats that were collected would go to children and adults in their town who couldn't afford them when the weather got cold.

"I can help with both of those! I'm going to get started as soon as we get home!" Kirby said as he untied one of the tags from the tree. That afternoon he called his Nana and a couple of friends and asked if they could help.

"We have these coats that don't fit us anymore, and also my mom bought a new coat so she gave us her old one to donate. They're all nice and clean. It's cool you're doing this," Cash said. He and Coin put the coats in Kirby's family's car.

"I'll be glad to donate a nice coat I don't use much anymore," Nana told Kirby. She also gave him a big hug and told Kirby how proud she was that he was giving back to his community.

Then Kirby, his mom, dad and Nana went to the store so he could buy a toy for the 6-year-old named on the tag he got off the tree. After careful consideration, Kirby decided to buy her a book that came with a doll so that she had something to read and something fun to play with.

He used his own money to buy the book and doll and his Nana told him "Save, spend and share: It's important to save your money and spend it wisely but also it's good to use some of it to share with others who might not be as lucky as you!"

The next weekend, Kirby and his dad went to their credit union. They put all the coats they gathered into the collection box. Then Kirby laid the book and doll under the tree.

That night, Kirby lay in bed and thought about the coats and gift. He imagined people putting on the coats and being so glad to get warm. And he hoped the little girl who got the book and doll would like her gift from him.

His dad was right. "I do feel happy for helping," he thought, and smiled as he drifted off to sleep.





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you learn about  
money!



Check out Kirby on your credit union website.

# Kirby's word scramble



Unscramble these  
winter-themed words.

1. ZBALRZID

2. BLSANOLW

3. KAJECT

4. TISM TEN

5. ZORFNE

1. BLIZZARD 2. SNOWBALL 3. JACKET 4.  
MITTENS 5. FROZEN

## Stop winter boredom cold!



Winter weather got you stuck in the house? You can still have FUN! Sometimes the weather is just too cold and messy and you're stuck inside. Here are some fun things to do.

- Get an adult to help and bake cookies, fudge, or brownies for holiday presents.
- Get out craft supplies, crayons, and paper and make holiday decorations, cards, or gifts.
- Cook a meal. Prepare a simple meal for the whole family. Hot dogs, sandwiches, tacos, soup, and macaroni and cheese are all tasty favorites. Make a salad, cut up fruit, or put out a bowl of chips and salsa or cheese and crackers for a side dish.
- Have a movie day. Line up chairs in front of the TV, pop popcorn, pour some soda, juice or lemonade, and start a movie. Good winter movie choices include *Home Alone*, *Happy Feet*, one of the *Ice Age* movies, and, of course, *Frozen*.
- Build an epic blanket fort. Safety pins, clothes pins, removable adhesive wall hooks, bungee cords, and light rope such as clothes line are helpful tools. After your fort is done, lounge inside on sleeping bags and pillows inside and read your favorite books. Or make a flap on the side so you can watch TV or movies (See movie day above!).



See *Let's Build*  
a Fort on the  
**DoYouRoo** on  
Pinterest page.

