

It was another rainy day, the tenth soggy day in a row! Carlos was tired of playing inside. For two weeks his class had had rainy day breaks at school. Today was Saturday. He did not want to spend another day playing games or drawing pictures inside. Carlos' mother saw how bored he was. Usually, his family went to the local park or played soccer at a nearby field on weekends. His father had lost his job a few months before, so they rarely went to places that cost money. But, of course, today it was too rainy to play outside.

Carlos' mom and dad did not like to see him so upset. His dad pulled a jar down from the shelf above the refrigerator. Inside the jar were several dollar bills. Carlos was surprised because money had been really tight in his family. His mom smiled and told him that it was the Rainy Day Jar. They asked him how he would like to spend the money that day. Carlos was so excited! He suggested they see a movie, not on the TV, but at a real movie theater. Carlos had never been to a movie theater before! His parents agreed, and they drove to the nearest theater. Carlos and his mom and dad saw a funny movie about a talking dog. They even had enough money to buy popcorn and sodas. Carlos laughed throughout the movie, when his mouth was not full of popcorn, that is. It was the best rainy day ever!