

The Child And the Baker

Parts(2): CHILD BAKER

PROPS: A SIGN THAT READS: 5 C O O K I E S F O R 4 C E N T S



CHILD: (LOOKING SADLY IN THE WINDOW OF A BAKERY, WATCHING BAKER PUT UP SIGN.)
(CHILD WALKS IN.) "MAY I HAVE A FREE COOKIE?"

BAKER: "NO SIREE, MISSY. YOU HAVE TO PAY LIKE EVERYONE ELSE."

CHILD: "WELL, YOU SELL FIVE COOKIES FOR 4 CENTS, RIGHT?"

BAKER: "YEP. THAT'S WHAT THE SIGN SAYS."

CHILD: "WELL, THEN, YOU WOULD SELL 4 COOKIES FOR 3 CENTS, RIGHT?"

BAKER: (THINKING) "I SUPPOSE SO."

CHILD: "AND 3 COOKIES FOR 2 CENTS, RIGHT?"

BAKER: (SOUNDING A LITTLE PERTURBED) "WELL, I RECKON I WOULD."

CHILD: "THEN 2 COOKIES WOULD COST 1 CENT?"

BAKER: "LOOK! WHAT ARE YOU DRIVING AT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THIS."

CHILD: "YOU WILL. SO, TWO COOKIES WOULD BE 1 CENT?"

BAKER: (SHARPLY) "YES!"

CHILD: "THEN ONE COOKIE WOULD COST NOTHING. THAT IS THE ONE I WANT TO BUY!" (TAKES COOKIE AND STARTS EATING WHILE WALKING OUT.)

BAKER: (LOOKING VERY PUZZLED, SCRATCHES HEAD, LOOKS AT SIGN.) "WELL I'LL BE!"