

### Giving up Hope

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| Mrs. Jackson appeared with a plate of sandwiches, some         | 9   |
| cookies, and some cherry pop. “I thought a picnic lunch        | 19  |
| would make you feel better,” she said. “Don’t give up hope     | 30  |
| about the stolen money. The police might catch the robber.”    | 40  |
| She went back into the house and closed the screen door        | 51  |
| behind her.  | 53  |
| “Do they have any idea who took the money?” asked              | 63  |
| Don. “I wonder if it was the same person who robbed the        | 75  |
| other gas station.   | 78  |
| “I don’t honestly think they’ll ever find out,” remarked       | 87  |
| Steve. “This is the busiest time of the season. People come to | 99  |
| the lake by the thousands. Could be any one of them.           | 110 |
| Anyway, every cent of our Scout money is gone.”                | 119 |