

### Giving up Hope

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