

Born to Flip

Allyssa loves gymnastics; she always loves to do flips, tricks, and dance. Allyssa would always make floor routines at her house. She was really, really, good and she wanted to do lessons, but there is one problem, she cannot afford it. "Mom! Can I please do gymnastics?" She would ask. "I'm sorry honey, but we can't afford it yet." Would always be her answer. But one day, Allyssa got an idea, "What if, I do a bunch of jobs in my community! Then I'll earn all the money I need!" Her mom thought that was an amazing idea. So, Allyssa go to work, "I'll try a lemonade stand!" Allyssa and her mom went to the store to get all the supplies she needed for the lemonade stand. Later, when she got home, she started building, she got out her markers, cardboard tape, lemonade, and paper cups She priced her lemonade for 5\$ per cup. "Lemonade for sale!" Allyssa kept shouting out all afternoon, still only 5 people came, still not enough money.

Allyssa made a chart showing how much money she has raised, the top said 200\$ because that is how much she needs. She was only 25\$ out of 200\$. "What do I do?" Allyssa thought as she plopped her head on her bed. The next day, she tried something else. Allyssa got all the snacks out of her pantry and started putting price tags n the snack bags, "perfect!" Allyssa was going to sell snack to people! So, she started coloring a cardboard box and placed the snacks inside. She tried, and tried, and tried. She still, only made 30\$. But suddenly, she got an idea. "What if, I do a talent show! I will ask all the people I know to compete!" This was Allyssa's best idea yet. She knew this would work. "OK, I will start making invitations to hand out." So, Allyssa got to work once more. She would be so excited for tomorrow, where she will hold the show.

The next day, Allyssa ran out of her room and quickly got some breakfast. She poured herself a bowl of cereal than ran out the door, with her prettiest dress on. To get in, everyone will 5\$. Allyssa was correct, over

200 people came! Allyssa got so excited! She got so excited, she screamed! :”Mom! I can go to gymnastic now!” So, the next day, Allyssa had so much extra money, she went to the store and bought a leotard. When Allyssa got home, she dashed straight into her room and threw the leotard on so she can go practice outside to prepare for her lessons.

Allyssa starts tomorrow, but suddenly, she got a shock in her mind, “Oh no, what if I am not as good as everyone else?” And at that second, her mom came in, “OH honey, you are not competing against them you’re competing against you, it does not matter if one of the teammates has skill you don’t, or if you a skill they don’t, it matters that you are trying your hardest.” “Thanks Mom, I feel a lot better now