'Does money grow on trees?' a friend asked George Müller one day. 'You spend so much of it, perhaps it does?'

George laughed as he climbed up a nearby apple tree. 'Germany has the best trees in the world,' he declared. 'Unfortunately money doesn't grow on any of them.'

George still spent lots of money though. He spent what he did not have on things that he did not need and then he stole more money to buy even more things. George even stole money from his father's desk.



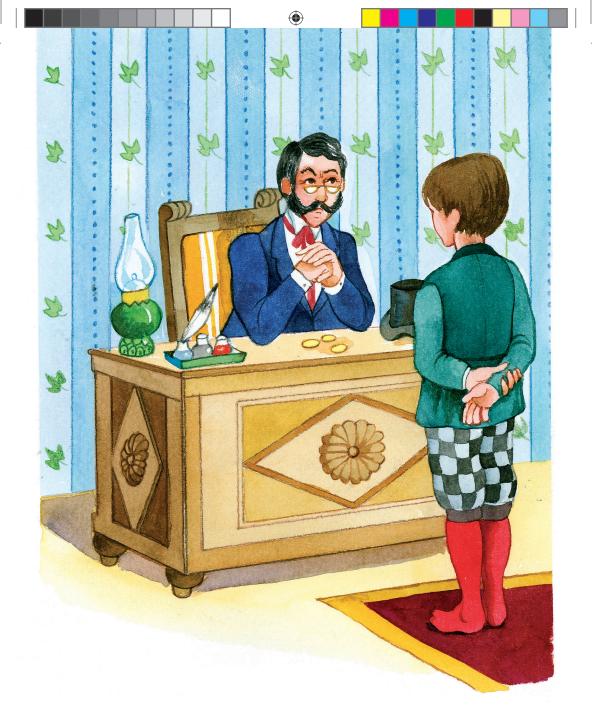


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When George's father counted his money, he noticed that some was missing. He didn't trust George, so he looked in the boy's pockets. There was nothing there. Then he told George to take off his shoes. That was where George had hidden the coins. George's father was very disappointed. His son was a thief.

However, George was not sorry for what he had done. He carried on stealing and finally he was thrown in prison.



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