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A POCKET FULL OF CHANGE

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Quarters

What can you get with a quarter? For one thing, a whole lot of history. The U.S. Mint has been making quarters since 1796. Today's quarters are made of copper and nickel, but the first ones were solid silver. The front of the coin featured a picture of a woman: Lady Liberty. On the back was the bald eagle.

For many years, people complained that the eagle appeared weak and scrawny. Some said it looked more like a pigeon than an eagle. Coin designers got the message. Over time, the eagle's image grew stronger and nobler.

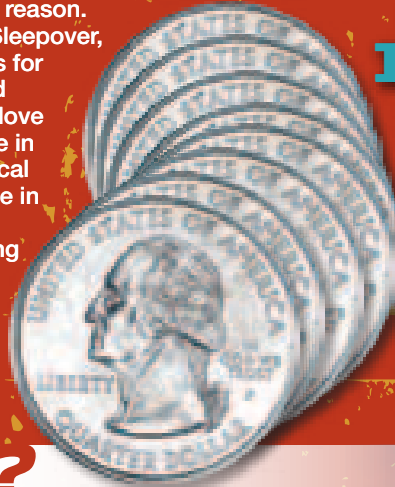
In 1932 George Washington's face replaced Lady Liberty. The change was made to mark the 200th anniversary of the first president's birthday.

In 1998 the Mint began releasing a series of quarters to celebrate each of the 50 states. The final quarters in the series were minted in 2008. Many kids have made a hobby of collecting all 50 state quarters.

Other kids collect quarters for a different reason. Every year at the National Girls Ministries Sleepover, thousands of girls donate quarters to Coins for Kids. The money raised allows children and adults around the world to learn about the love of God by funding projects that help people in need. This year's offering will provide medical care, education and safe housing for people in India.

As it turns out, a quarter can still go a long way.

"God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV).



Try this!

What if you could create your own coin? Would it feature your face? Would it include an eagle or some other animal? How much would it be worth? Draw your special coin on a piece of paper. Design a front and back.



JUST FOR laughs

Why did the horse jingle when it walked?
It was a quarter horse.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Quarter Toot.

Quarter Toot who?

Your clock must be broken. It's not even noon.



Did you know?

Sir Isaac Newton, the scientist who helped define gravity in 1687, once served as the head of England's coin mint.

According to the U.S. Mint, the average life span of a coin is about 25 years. When a coin becomes worn out, it's removed from circulation. Then it is melted to make a shiny new coin.



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