



My Two Cents

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I smiled and expounded on the merits of a pillowcase for candy, comfortable running shoes for maximizing the number of houses, and the benefits of visiting elderly neighbors.

Without waiting for them to ask for an explanation, I shared how the older neighbors usually gave out pennies—once, I even received two pennies!

They rolled their eyes at how impressed I was with my treasure, until I explained that two cents could buy wax lips, cherry balls, bubble gum, or lots of candy dots!

The grandchildren let me continue rambling on until their parents rescued them. I lagged behind as we walked to the car and overheard the littlest one tell her mommy, “Grandpa got *two cents* one time for trick-or-treat!”

My two cents today would be: take time to share your family stories with the younger generations. Never let them forget the struggles and joys that made their family what it is today.

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