

Mother's Magic: Stretching a Christmas Dollar

Summarize this story in one sentence.

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1. What happened to Carrie's husband?
 2. What was her main problem?
 3. How did Carrie economize around food?
 4. Why didn't Jerry feel poor when he was a kid?
 5. Why did Carrie go to work when she was sick?
 6. Where did Carrie shop for Christmas toys?

7. Why did she shop there?

8. Why didn't Carrie tell her kids about Santa Claus?

9. What kind of relationship does Carrie have with her children now? Explain.

10. How would you describe Carrie?

Conversation and Writing Questions

- 1. What sacrifices did your parents make for their children?***
- 2. What sacrifices do you make for your children?***
- 3. Describe a memorable Christmas, or other holiday.***