

## **LOLA AND HER TOYS**



It was a beautiful spring day. The sun was shining brightly in the sky, and the few clouds that were there looked like cotton. The little birds sang happily while the squirrels looked for food in the park. It was the perfect day to go out for a bike ride and relax in front of the lake. However, that day, Lola had promised her parents that she would organize her closet and sort all the toys in her room.

Lola looked sadly out the window. She wanted to go outside to enjoy the incredible weather, but when you promise something, you have to keep it. So she got to work and drew up a plan of action. She decided to begin by sorting her toys into three piles: those she would keep in her room to play with, those she would donate to a charity for families in need with children, and those she would throw away because they were broken or missing several pieces.

What she thought would take her just a little while turned into several hours of non-stop work. While she was doing this arduous task, she realized that she had so many toys that there were some that she had not even taken time to enjoy. They were practically new, still in their original boxes, and unused. After a

moment of reflection, Lola made a decision: this year, she did not want any more toys for her birthday. Instead, she would ask for things that would let her spend time with her family, such as going to the movies, bowling, or visiting a museum. You probably think that no girl her age would actually do that, but she is the great Lola, with a bright mind and a beautiful heart.

