



**SAY** Well, then, there's no way you can pass up this great opportunity! Surely you can skip playing video games and watching reruns long enough to see the whales.

**Spud:** Maybe. But all that walking still seems like a lot of work. This is my vacation, and I want to spend my free time doing as little as humanly possible.

**SAY** *(Sigh)* Well, so far I'd say you were succeeding beyond your wildest dreams.

**Spud:** No doubt! I think it's important to have free time and do just what I want. Don't you agree?

**SAY** I think it's important that we use our free time wisely, Spud.

**Spud:** I agree! And the wisest choice for me is to sit right here and watch another *Space Trek: 2001* episode. They have this one show where they go back in time and save these endangered whales. *(Sigh dramatically.)* I love that episode.

**SAY** But you can't smell the ocean when you watch TV. You can't feel the wind and sun on your face, or the salt water when it splashes up on you, or the grass between your toes.

**Spud:** Well, no. I kinda see what you're saying, I guess.

**SAY** What we do with our free time matters, Spud. It matters a lot. Don't you see? Time is kind of like money—we only have so much of it to spend, so we need to make good choices. Time is really much more valuable than money, because no matter how hard we try, we can't earn more hours in a day or more minutes in an hour. Time is a gift from God. Do you see what I mean?

**Spud:** You're saying the same things some of my friends have said to me.

**SAY** Sounds like you have made some wise choices when it comes to some of your friends. Maybe you should listen to them instead of the guys you met here at the hotel.

**Spud:** But—it is a long walk to those cliffs. And it looks like it might rain, so I'd have to find a windbreaker and hunt up my tennis shoes.

**ASK** It would be worth the effort to see those whales, wouldn't it?

**Spud:** Well . . .

**ASK** You really admire the characters on that *Space Trek* show, right?

**Spud:** Oh, yeah. They're great. I like Captain Klutz the best.

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