

Wishing Well

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Wishing well tells the story of Freyja, an 8 year old Icelandic girl. Freyja's parents are not affluent, unlike the parents of most of her classmates. It is fall and school has just started. Freyja is a bit embarrassed because she is the only one in the class that does not have a new schoolbag – everyone else seems to have gotten the same type of fancy bag that she would love to have. Her schoolbag is an old backpack. On her way to and from school Freyja passes the school supply store that sells the new schoolbags.

Freyja's class is given an assignment – collect money for a rural village in Africa so that the villagers can build a well and get the fresh water they desperately need. Everyone in the class is given a little money box to collect in.

Freyja gets to work collecting donations and temptation sets in. How much can it cost to build a well anyway?