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Read the following passages and determine what the conflict (problem) is in each story. Draw a picture of the conflict.

Passage # 1: Maggie woke up on a beautiful Saturday morning with nothing to do but enjoy the day! She put on her clothes and headed downstairs for some breakfast and to see what the rest of her family was doing. As she was coming down the stairs, she overheard her father say to her mother, "What would you like to do for your birthday tomorrow dear?"

"YIKES", thought Maggie, "I forgot mom's birthday was tomorrow!" She ran back upstairs to check her piggy bank and found it empty. She sat down on her bed to think about what to do next.

Passage # 2: Drew had been walking around the neighborhood looking for his dog, Max, for hours. Drew had accidentally left the gate open in his yard, and Max had disappeared. Drew had never been this sad before! Max was his best friend, and now, because Drew had been careless, he might have lost his friend forever. One of Drew's neighbors had suggested that he run an ad in the local paper that showed a picture of Max and listed Drew's phone number. That sounded like a good idea, but Drew didn't have any money. Besides, he wanted to find Max soon, before he got too far away.

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Answer Key

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(picture of Maggie looking sad, looking in empty piggy bank, etc.)	(picture of Drew looking sad, looking for dog, etc.)

Can you come up with a solution that might solve BOTH of these conflicts? Drew and Maggie could do extra chores to earn money, or they could hand make a birthday card and a "lost dog" flier using crayons and paper.