

The Tooth Fairy Parent's Guide

(Ideas for keeping the magic alive — without breaking the bank!)

A Smile and a Story...

Recently I saw a cartoon where a little girl was asking the Tooth Fairy some very serious questions:

1. Does the Tooth Fairy pay less if the tooth has a cavity?
2. Does she pay more or less if there's a filling or a silver crown?
3. If my puppy loses a tooth, would the Tooth Fairy leave a dog treat?
4. What about vampire kids — do they get extra for losing a big fang?
5. And how about a werewolf or a shark?

In real life, a child in my office proudly told me the Tooth Fairy had left **\$35** under their pillow! When I glanced at Dad, he laughed and said: "Two sets of grandparents!"

■ If You're Leaving Money

- About 2 in 5 parents leave around \$5 per tooth, but amounts vary widely.
- Consider a 'First Tooth Bonus,' then keep things consistent.
- Creative ideas: wrap a bill in ribbon, leave shiny coins, or make a coin trail.

■ No-Cash Tooth Fairy Magic

- A tiny note praising brushing or bravery.
- Fairy dust: glittery footprints or a sparkle trail.
- A keepsake tooth container or pillow.
- Small surprises: glow sticks, stickers, toothbrushes, or seeds.
- A whimsical Fairy 'Receipt' rating the tooth's sparkle!

■ When the Tooth Fairy Runs Into Trouble

- Forgot to visit? Say she ran out of time and came back the next night.
- No cash handy? Leave a note, IOU, or small trinket.
- Child's secret test? Explain she was delayed, but always comes when ready.

■ A Quick Parent Reminder

- Bleeding or mild soreness is normal when teeth come out.
- If a permanent tooth is knocked out: keep it moist (milk or socket) and call us immediately.
- Celebrate each lost tooth with positivity—it's a proud step in growing up!

■ The Takeaway

Whether the Tooth Fairy leaves \$1, \$35, or a fairy-sized treasure, the tradition is about memories, imagination, and healthy habits. Do what feels right for your family—and enjoy the magic while it lasts!



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