On March 16 three boys went to the store. They each bought 5 dollars. To spend they left for the store at 9 o'clock the got back home at 12 o'clock. How much money did they have to spend in all?

Solution.

Each of them had 5 dollars. So they had to spend in all:

$$3 \cdot 5 \; dollars = 15 \; dollars$$

Answer: 15 dollars.