

Talking to kids about money

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This worksheet is meant as a jumping off point for continuing the money discussion at home with your child(ren). Modify as needed for your household. The language is written for adults speaking to children. Also check out author Clifton Corbin's book "Your Kids, Their Money" and his blog at cliftoncorbin.com for more ideas and resources.

What's a "Budget"?

A budget is balancing your spending with your savings and sharing. Think of it like dividing pieces of a money pizza (before you start eating)!

If you had a \$16 pizza, for example, and saved \$6, you would have \$10 left for spending and sharing. If you donated a \$2 piece, that would leave you with \$8 in pieces to spend – either now, or later.



What's an "Allowance"?

An allowance is when you get money for being a part of the household [insert responsibilities here that your child has in your home]. A wage is when you get money for doing work [give examples of income sources in your family]. Receiving income is a way for you to learn about how to use money – and not just to buy a toy at the store. I think that your allowance should be \$_____/week. Do you think it would be better to receive this weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly?

{Parent note: What will your child be responsible for buying? Only fun stuff? Or will they be buying their own snacks/food when out, or contributing to a Charitable donation plan like World Vision? For an allowance amount, \$1/wk per year of age may or may not be appropriate, depending on expectations as well as the child's goals. Starting lower may be a good strategy; you can always increase the amount later if/as needed.}

Good money habits & questions

Set a goal

Why do you think it's important to save up for a long-term goal or items that cost more?

Start a donation jar

How much of your allowance or earned money do you want to set aside for giving/charity and sharing with people who need help?

Create your own currency

Do you want to make coupons that can be traded for things you may want (for example, washing the car in exchange for more screen time on weekends)?

Ask for a raise

If you get an allowance, do you think the amount should increase each year? Make a plan for what you will do with the extra money.

Pack your own school lunch

Do you help at home with deciding what goes in your lunch? Is there a grocery list you can request healthy items that you would like for school lunches?

Jobs, goals, passions

What does/(do) the adult(s) you know do for work and why did they choose that? What are you interested in doing? What kind of education or training will you need?

Share the bills

Have you ever seen the household bills—utilities (like lights and heat), phone and Internet? Can you help add up the monthly expenses?

Look at advertising

How do advertisers make products appealing? Do you want to buy something when you see an ad?

What is “value”

Do you think there is a difference between “quickly” made and well-made shoes (look at the stitching/materials)? Is something always better quality because it costs more? Are you willing to spend more money on things that will last longer?

Open a savings account

What are the benefits of having the money at a separate bank location vs. just in piggybank at home?

Ask to go through a wallet

Have you seen credit cards and bank cards? How do they work? Where does the money come from?

{Parent note: for a digital learning option and physical card, MyDoh is an app to check out. It has lessons on financial literacy and an option to get a prepaid card that can have parental controls set up. Contact me if you would like a referral code for sign-up credit.}

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