Family finances

Activity Book

Volume 2

Activity 1
Silly story

A silly story about a lemonade stand

You can play this with a grown-up or with a group of friends. Pick one person to be the writer. Their job is to keep the story secret until it's finished.

The writer asks everyone else for words to fill in the blanks. Look at the category in brackets for clues — but feel free to get wild and goofy. The funnier, the better!

When every blank is filled, the writer reads the story out loud for everyone to enjoy.

Helpful hints:

- An adjective describes something, like "hairy" or "disgusting."
- A verb is an action word, like "explode" or "stumble."

Lisa wanted to start her very own **[adjective]** _____ lemonade stand, but first she needed to figure out how much it would cost. She made a list of supplies like **[food or drink item]** _____, **[object]** _____ and a giant **[object]** _____ to use as a sign.

When she checked the prices, Lisa realized she needed **[number]** _____ dollars, but she had only **[number]** _____ dollars in her piggy bank. "No problem!" she said. "I'll earn the rest!"

Lisa asked her **[family member]** _____ if there were any chores she could do. She earned **[number]** _____ dollars by **[verb ending in –ing]** _____ the garage and another **[number]** _____ dollars by **[verb ending in –ing]** _____ the porch.

Once she had enough money, she set up her stand on the corner of **[street name]** _____. Customers loved her **[adjective]** _____ lemonade, especially when she added **[ingredient]** _____ "for extra flavor."

Before long, Lisa had earned a total of **[number]** _____ dollars! She used some of it to restock supplies, saved some in her **[adjective]** _____ piggy bank and even put aside a little to help her neighbor buy a new **[object]** _____.

By the end of the day, she felt proud that she had planned ahead, earned money and made smart choices. Lisa then started dreaming about what **[object]** _____ she might save up for next!

Activity 2
Secret message

Decode the secret message

Using the legend at the top of the page, solve our message below.
Each symbol equals 1 letter.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Answer: A penny saved is a penny earned

Activity 3
Drawing

Draw your own dollar bill

Imagine you're the leader of your own country. What will your dollar bills and coins look like? Draw your currency in the space below.

Activity 4
Birthday party math

Plan the best birthday

What can you buy with your birthday budget?

Your parents are giving you $50 max to get all the stuff you need for your next birthday party. Look at all the items available and think about which things you want the most.

Item	Price
Pizza	$10
Cake	$12
Ice cream	$6
Party games	$9
Balloons	$3
Decorations	$7
Face painting	$10
Piñata	$9
Goody bags	$3
Bouncy house	$25

Write down what you would buy and the total cost.
Don't go over $50!

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Total cost of your party **$** _____

Use this space to show your work.

Activity 5
Seek and find

Find the “needs” and “wants”

Needs are things that are necessary to live every day.
Wants are things that are nice to have but you could live without.

Get a close look at all the stuff in this bedroom.
Can you write down 5 needs and 5 wants that appear in the picture?

Parent tip: When your child’s done, talk with them about how they chose their needs and wants.

Needs	Wants
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

Activity 6
Craft

Build a real “piggy” bank

Follow these steps to turn an ordinary plastic bottle into an actual piggy bank. Make sure to ask an adult for help when you need to.

What you need

- A clean plastic bottle with a lid (like a water bottle, juice bottle, etc.)
- Scissors or a craft knife (adult help required!)
- Glue or hot glue

- Paper, construction paper or scrapbook paper
- Markers, stickers or googly eyes
- Craft foam or pipe cleaners
- 4 bottle caps or pieces of cardboard tube for “legs”

Instructions

1. Get your bottle ready

Wash and dry your bottle so it’s clean and easy to decorate. Peel off any labels so you have a blank canvas.

2. Make a coin slot

Ask an adult to help you draw a small rectangle on the top of the bottle. With their help, carefully cut along the lines to create your coin slot.

3. Add legs (optional but fun!)

Glue 4 bottle caps or cardboard tube pieces to the bottom of your bottle. This helps your piggy bank stand up straight.

4. Decorate your piggy bank

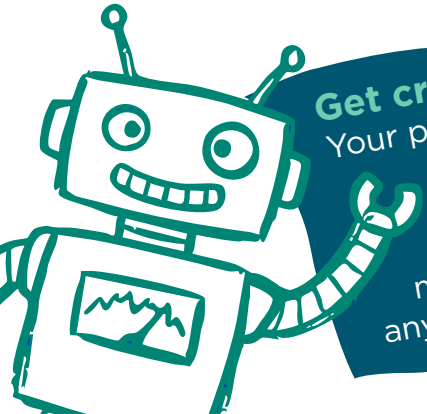
Now for the fun part: Make your piggy bank yours! Try adding:

- Colorful paper wrapped around the bottle
- Googly eyes for a silly face
- Paper or foam ears
- A pipe cleaner tail (curly or zigzag — you choose!)
- Stickers, patterns, stripes or designs

You can even draw or glue on a picture of something you’re saving for (like a game, toy, bike or special outing) to stay motivated!

5. Start saving

Once your piggy bank is dry and decorated, start feeding it coins and bills. Watch your savings grow a little bit each day.



Get creative

Your piggy bank doesn’t have to look like a pig. Try making a unicorn, robot, monster, dragon or anything you imagine.

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