

September Monthly Activity Packet (Can be used any time of the year)

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This packet includes activities that help young children understand money.

Recommended Books

Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday

by Judith Viorst

Alexander grapples with money management in this beloved picture book from Judith Viorst, author of Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. Last Sunday, Alexander's grandparents gave him a dollar—and he was rich. There were so many things that he could do with all of that money!

The Motley Fool Investment Guide for Teens:

8 Steps to Having More Money Than Your Parents Ever Dreamed Of

by David Gardner and Tom Gardner

The Motley Fool has made investing fun and easy for millions of people. Now, it custom designs its wit and wisdom for today's money-savvy teens. The Motley Fool Investment Guide for Teens helps teens stand out from the ho-hum mutual-fund crowd, build a portfolio of stocks they can actually care about, and take advantage of the investor's best friend—time—to watch their profits multiply.

Activity: Coins & Cups

What You Need:

Plastic Cups (as least 4 and as many as 8)

Marker

Lots of loose change

What To Do:

Have the child randomly distribute the change into the cups. Make sure there are varying amounts of change in the different cups.

Then, have him or her write different monetary values on the cups. Now, challenge your money master to make change.

He should dump out the change that's in each cup and figure out which coins he or she needs to remove in order to put the correct amount of money back in the cups.

Once finished, go over the work by checking each cup to see if he or she made the right change.