

LESSON 4 • Money Has Value

MONEY HAS VALUE

1 Key Concepts

- Money Has Value
- Teach the children about bartering.
- Teach the children that our money has value.

2 Teacher Preparation

- Look up pictures of what money used to look like and what it looks like in other parts of the world.
- Bring in some real coins for the children to look at

3 Lesson

- Before the time of Jesus, people didn't have money in coins or paper.
 - People long ago would barter to get the goods that they needed.
- Bartering is trading what you have for other things that you need or want, instead of using money.
 - People long ago would trade bread, animals and clothing for the goods that they needed.
 - The items that were exchanged have a value to them.
 - They were worth something to other people.
 - It is the same way today with our money.
- Money has value and is worth something to all of us.
 - Today we have different coins and different paper money, each having its own value.
- Where does all of our money come from?
 - It comes from working or doing chores around the house.
 - It also ALL comes from God.
 - He has given us everything that we have.
- We need to use all of the things we have wisely.
 - God does not want us to waste what we have.
 - He wants us to put our things to good use.
- Money has value for all of us, let's use it the best way that we can.

4 Conclusion

Money has value. Each piece of our money has a different value. Even when there wasn't money, things had value and were traded. Everything has value. God wants us to use what we have to make a difference.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,
Thank you for everything you have given us. Help us to use what we have to help those around us. Help us to get the most value out of what you have given us. Amen.



Genesis 13:2

*Abram had become
very wealthy in livestock
and in silver and gold.*

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6 Resources

- **Bible**
- **Scholastic Children's Dictionary**
- **Reid, Margarette S. Lots and Lots of Coins**
This book will teach you about long ago and now. It will also teach you about collecting coins.
- **Callery, Sean. Money Matters**
In this book you will learn about trading and what money looked like long ago.
- **Munsch, Robert. Something Good**
This book puts a value on a little girl, but she is more valuable than any dollar amount.
- **Adler, David A. Money Madness**
This book gives a little history of bartering and money.
- **Kenna, Kara and Ostarch, Judy. All About Coins Pennies, All About Coins Nickels, All About Coins Dimes, and All About Coins Quarters**
This series shows what the coins are worth and what they look like.
- **Brisson, Pat. Benny's Pennies**
This books shows that pennies have value. You can use them to buy things.
- **www.usmint.gov/kids/**
Go to Coins and Medals and choose what coins you want to look at.
- **<http://www.gpb.org/countonit/games/kindergarten/money>**
Play the spending game.

7 Vocabulary

Barter: to trade by exchanging food or other goods or services, rather than by using money..

8 Activity

Have the children look at real coins and talk about what they are worth.

