

LESSON 4 • Money Has Value

MONEY HAS VALUE

1 Key Concepts

- Money Has Value
- Teach the children what people used before there was money.
- Teach the children what our money looks like today.

2 Teacher Preparation

- Look up and print pictures of what people used for bartering before there was money.
- Have real money for the children to hold and see what it looks like today.

3 Lesson

- Long ago, people didn't have money.
- Long ago, people used things that they already had to get things that they wanted.
 - This was called bartering.
- When you barter, you take an item you have and exchange it for something that you want that someone else has.
 - You might pay for a place to live in exchange for a cow.
 - You might trade grain for milk.
 - You can trade all sorts of things and barter with your friend in order to get the one thing you want.
- Trading goods is something that still happens today.
 - You could go to the market and sell your goods and buy other goods.
 - You could trade your goods for things that you need.
 - That is how it worked before there were actual coins or paper money.
- Once coins were made people didn't trade as much.
 - They used their coins to pay for things they needed.
- Jesus gives us examples of how money was used in the bible.
 - **Acts 4:34-35** says "There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need."
 - Money could be used to buy goods at the market, money was used to pay taxes and money was used for offerings.
- God doesn't want us to waste our money, but put it to good use.
- God has given all of us what we need.
 - He wants us to use what we have to help others.
- Money has value.
 - It gets us the things that we need.
 - It helps us buy things for other people.
- When we give our money to church, some of that money goes to help other people.
- Money has value in our world today.
 - We use money to buy the things we need, to pay our bills and to give to church.
- God does not want us to waste or money, but use it wisely.



Genesis 13:2

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

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4 Conclusion

God wants us to use our money wisely. God has given us so many things. We should use our money wisely and help those in need.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,
Thank you for all you have given us. Help us to use what we have wisely.
Amen.

6 Resources

- [Bible](#)
- [Scholastic Children's Dictionary](#)
- [Reid, Margarette S. Lots and Lots of Coins](#)
This will show you coins from 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.
- [Herman, Gail. Teddy Bear for Sale](#)
This book teaches the children that money has value. You can buy things with money.
- www.usmint.gov/kids/
Go to Coins and Medals and choose what coins you want to look at.
- <http://www.gpb.org/countonlit/games/kindergarten/money>
This is a game using money for the children to play.

7 Vocabulary

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

8 Activity

Have the children look at what coins used to look like. Play the buying game.

