

LESSON 4 • Money Has Value

MONEY HAS VALUE

1 Key Concepts

- Money Has Value
- Teach the children that each coin has a value.
- Teach the children that everything we own has value.
- Teach the children about bartering.

2 Teacher Preparation

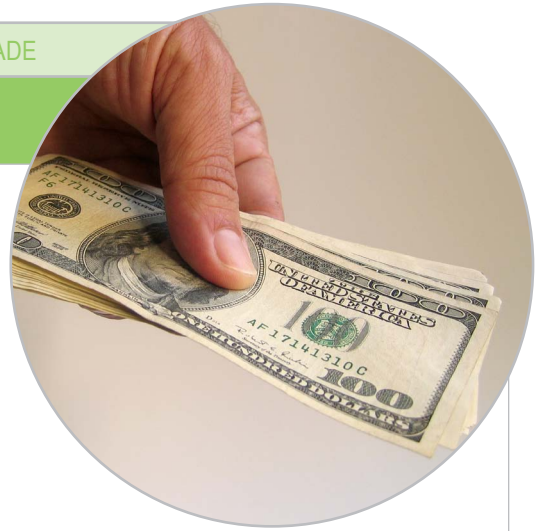
- Bring in real coins for the children to see.
- Look up pictures online to see what coins from different countries look like.
- Bring in money from other countries so they can see it.

3 Lesson

- Long ago people didn't have money.
- People used what they had to trade goods.
 - This is called bartering.
- Bartering is trading what you have to get other goods that you need.
- Even when you are trading goods, those goods had a value to them.
 - They were worth something to the other person.
- Today we have coins and paper money.
- Bartering still does happen today, but not as much here in the US.
 - We have money that has value.
 - Each coin is worth something.
- Let's look at the coins and say how much each is worth.
 - Go through the coins.
 - On the paper money, each value is labeled.
- We use our money to buy the things we need.
 - God has given us all that we need, including the money.
 - He gives us jobs and we can earn the money.
 - Some of us get allowance and we earn money that way.
 - We can do things for other people to earn money.
- God wants us to use our money the best that we can.
 - He doesn't want us to waste money.
 - We need to use what we have to help others and help the church.

4 Conclusion

Money has different value. God wants us to use our money wisely. Learning what money is worth helps us to use it wisely and not spend it all. God wants us to use our money to help those around us.



Genesis 13:2

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

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5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the gifts you have given to us. Help us to use these gifts wisely to help those around us. Also help us to use our gifts to bring others closer to you. Amen.

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.

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. Bring in money from other countries so the children can see what their money looks like.

