

Money Bunnies Take a Vacation



Follow-up Activities For the Classroom

1. Reinforce the learning concepts presented in the *Money Bunnies Take a Vacation* story:
 - Planning helps us achieve what we need and want
 - Waiting to spend money (deferred gratification) means doing without something now to have something more important later
 - Saving is putting money aside to buy something that costs more money than we have now
 - Knowing what is most important to us will help us make smart choices
2. If computers are available, guide student exploration of the following two internet sites:
 - KansasStateTreasurer.com/Prodweb/KidsZone/Games_and_Fun_Links.php
 - www.USmint.gov/Kids/FlashIndex.cfm
3. Provide access to some of the following books for students to read on their own or for you to read to the class.

Apple Picking Time

by Michele Benoit Slawson Crown, 1994.

Age 5 and up. All the townspeople work in the orchards at harvest time. Anna sets a goal to pick a whole basket of apples herself.

Arthur's Pet Business

by Marc Brown. Little, Brown, 1990.

Age 6 and up. Arthur wants a pet. His parents doubt he can take care of one. Arthur starts a pet business to prove his parents wrong.

Erandi's Braids

by Antonio Hernández Madrigal. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1999.

Age 6 and up. Erandi's mother needs a new fishing net and also wants to buy Erandi her birthday gift, but is unable to due to their limited income. Erandi recognizes that her braids are valuable and makes a decision.

Finders, Keepers?

by Elizabeth Crary. Parenting Press, 1987.

Age 10 and up. What would you do if you found something? Finders of lost goods have choices.

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First Things First

by Kristi D. Holl. Atheneum, 1986.

Age 10 and up. Shelly's mom and dad can't pay for summer camp this year. Shelly spends her summer earning money. She finds out what is important to her.

No Time For Christmas

by Judy Delton. Carolrhoda, 1988.

Age 6 and up. Two friends get jobs to buy each other Christmas presents. One works nights and the other works days. They don't see each other anymore.

Pedrito's Day

by Luis Garay. Illustrated by Monica Hughes. Orchard's Books, 1997.

Age 6 and up. Pedrito works to make money to buy a bicycle to help his mother at the marketplace. He helps his aunt with work, but makes a mistake and loses her money. He then finds a way to fix his mistake.

Project Wheels

by Jacqueline Turner Banks. Houghton Mifflin, 1993.

Age 9 and up. Angela and her friends raise money. They want to help a classmate buy a wheelchair. Angela begins to see that she and her friends are growing-up.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

by Mark Twain. Scholastic, 1876.

Age 9 and up. In the second chapter, Tom gets out of the boring job of whitewashing the fence. He finds a way to get every boy in town to do it for him.

The Gift of the Magi

All ages. O. Henry is a classic tale of love, giving and sacrifice.

The Giving Tree

by Shel Silverstein. Harper and Row, 1964.

All ages. This is a sensitive tale of giving (and taking) until there is no more to give — or so it seems.

The Purse

by Kathy Caple. Houghton Mifflin, 1986.

Age 5 and up. Katie loves the noise her saved coins make in her Band-Aid box. She spends her savings on a new purse and throws away her Band-Aid box. Now she has no noise and no money.

Tight Times

by Barbara Shook Hazen. Viking Press, 1979.

Age 5 and up. David learns about "tight times" and making hard decisions.

Resources for Educators and Parents

Teaching Money Habits for Life

by Sharon Danes and Tammy Dunrud, University of Minnesota
www.Extension.UMN.edu/Distribution/YouthDevelopment/DA6116.html

The Kids Guide To Money

by Steve Otfinoski. Scholastic, 1996.

This book explains how children can earn, save and get the most value for their money. Information about sharing money and time through volunteer work is included.

Kids, Money And Values

by Patricia Schiff Estess and Irving Barocas. Betterway, 1994.

This book is about teaching children good habits and attitudes to help them manage money. Activities and sample forms are found throughout this book.

Money Skills

by Bonnie Drew. Career Press, 1992.

This book has 101 activities to teach children about money. The book also includes suggestions on talking with children about money. One chapter is all about growing up to be responsible with money.

Raising Happy Kids On A Reasonable Budget

by Patricia Gallagher. Betterway, 1993.

This book has advice from parents who are trying to stretch their money. The book has eight chapters that give money-saving advice on ways to feed, clothe and care for your family.

Raising Money-Wise Kids

by Judith Briles. Northfield, 1996.

This book was written for parents of preschoolers to teens. It is loaded with useful tips and quizzes that will help parents teach their children about money issues.

Teach Your Child The Value Of Money

by Harold and Sandy Moe. Harsand, 1990.

This book will help you and your children think about their futures. Learn how to help your children make smart money decisions early. Learn how these decisions will help when they are adults.