

Money Games

Lights! Camera! Budget!



Have your kids help plan a movie night at home! Combine movies, money, and imagination to create a fantastic family fun night!

1. Assign prices to each element of the movie night, including:
 - Movie ticket (the kids can use their creative talents to make the tickets!)
 - Snacks
 - Drinks
2. Give each kid a certain amount of money (printable money is included below). This is their budget and they cannot spend more than they have.
3. Each family member purchases their own movie ticket and their own snacks for the movie, being sure to stay within their budget.
4. Enjoy the movie!



To add even more fun, the kids can take turns pretending to be the cashier and practice making change too!

Ice Cream Shop



Have a sweet tooth? Set up an ice cream shop in your own kitchen!

1. Display possible ice cream toppings on your counter or table (Tip: use items you already have in the cupboard - graham crackers, marshmallows, chocolate chips, nuts, etc. – Doesn't need to be fancy and could even be silly – chips on your ice cream, anyone?)
2. Assign prices to each topping and the ice cream.
3. Give each child a certain amount of money (printable money is included below). This is their budget and they cannot spend more than they have.
4. Each family member orders their own ice cream with their choice of toppings, being sure to stay within their budget.
5. Enjoy your ice cream!



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Healthier alternative: Make Your Own Trail Mix – follow the steps above, but leave out the ice cream

Family Restaurant

Calling all aspiring chefs! If you like to cook, or eat, this activity is for you!

1. Kids identify a recipe to make (if multiple children, each child could choose one part of a full meal)
2. Kids are given a grocery budget for their meal / recipe
3. Using a grocery app or website, identify the ingredients needed to make the meal. Be sure to stay within the budget!
4. Kids help prepare the meal/recipe
5. Kids serve the restaurant guests and the whole family enjoys their culinary creation!

Other ideas: Make a menu, include prices and practice making change as the customers pay for their dinner.



Coin Caterpillar

Find a handful of spare change around the house. Make a caterpillar (or other animal!) using the coins. Then add up how much your new animal is “worth”!



Play Money

Use the below money to print, cut out, and use for the above games!



<https://www.uscurrency.gov/sites/default/files/special/files/Printable-Play-Money.pdf>