

Daisy *Money Counts*

Financial Literacy 1

You can use money to buy things. You can use it to help other people, too. Let's find out more about money!

Steps

1. Understand different kinds of coins
2. Know more about paper money
3. Find out the cost of fun

Purpose

When I've earned this leaf, I'll know more about money and what it's worth.

Complete all three steps to earn this leaf.

Step 1 Understand different kinds of coins

With your Daisy friends, put a pile of coins on a table. Search through the coins for a penny, nickel, dime, and quarter. When each girl has one of each, **talk about what is the same and different about the coins**. Which is the largest? The smallest? What color is each coin?

Coins

Each coin has a different value:

Penny

Nickel

Dime

Quarter

Color enough pennies to equal one dime.

Fill a jar with coins, then, take turns picking a coin out of the jar. Shout out the name of the coin and how many cents it is worth.

Extra fun:

Fill one of your shoes with coins. Guess how much the coins are worth all together. Then, pour them out of your shoe and count them, sorting them by value. How much are they worth? How close was your guess?

Step 2 Know more about paper money

Money comes as coins and bills. Different coins and bills are worth different amounts of money. See booklet for dollar sign dot-to-dot puzzle.

One dollar is worth 100 cents. Make a pile of coins that add up to one dollar.

Some paper “bills” are worth much more than one dollar. Look at several bills of different values, such as \$1, \$5, and a \$10 bill. Find the number on each bill that tells you what it’s worth.

Step 3 Find out the cost of fun

Sometimes, the things we might enjoy doing with our families or in Girl Scouts cost money!

Practice planning for something you might like to do that costs money.

With your family or at your Girl Scout Daisy meeting, pretend you are going to the movies, going bowling, or going to a local fair. Ask an adult to help you write down two things for which you’d need to save money, and, also, to help you figure out how much the activity will cost.

The cost of everything you need to do the activity is your “budget.” If you really want to do the activity, you will need to save that much money!

County Fair Budget

Activity	Cost
Fair admission	\$5
3 ride tickets	\$1 each (\$3)
Snack	\$2
Bus to get there	\$3 round trip
Total	\$13

Circle the phrases that show **fun** things that you and your friends or family could do for **free**.

Check out a book from the library

Put on a puppet show

eat at a restaurant

Go to the movies

play games in the backyard

get ice cream cones

visit an amusement park

Can you think of other fun things you could do for free? Draw pictures of them.

Now, choose one free activity and have fun doing it with your family or your Daisy friends!

Add the Badge to Your Journey

You and your Daisy friends may want to buy snacks as you go on your Journey. Use your new money skills to count out the coins or bills!

Now that I've earned this badge, I can give service by:

- Coming up with ideas for how to have fun with my family for free
- Helping my friends make change
- Talking with my Daisy friends about how we can budget some money to help others

I'm inspired to: