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SAVE. SPEND. GIVE.

Teach your kids about money with this DIY project.

Objective

Teaching kids the importance of money is an invaluable lesson. It can also be tricky because money is an abstract concept. This “Save. Spend. Give.” activity helps take an abstract idea and turn it into something they can see and understand.

Materials Needed

- 3 pint-size mason jars (smooth jars work best)
- Chalk or paint markers
- Mason jar slotted lids
- Chalkboard labels
- Jar decorations
- Glue
- Scissors (optional)

Introductory Activity

Ask your child, “**Why should we save our money?**”

Have a quick discussion about how saving money can mean more options for spending and for giving.

When they are ready to make a donation from their “Give” jar, have them cash in their money to the “Family Bank” (you) and in return buy them a Giving eCard at KidsforColoradoGives.org. This way they can experience making a donation on their own!

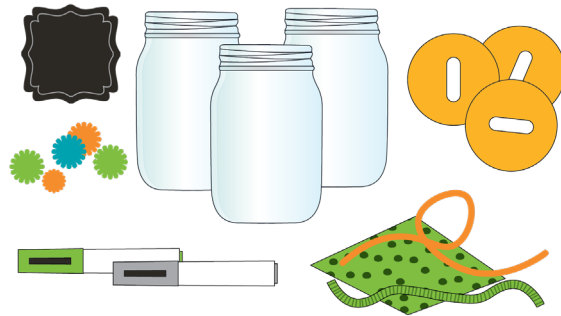
Reflection Questions (for discussion after completing activity)

- Why is it important to save money?
- What will you save for first? (Print a picture and put it on the jar for a reminder.)
- Is there a nonprofit that inspires you? Can you save to give to them?

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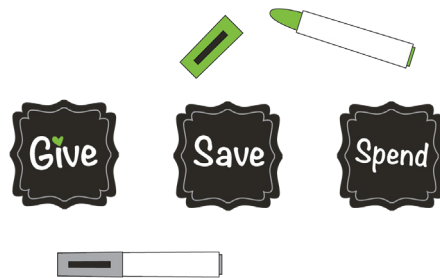
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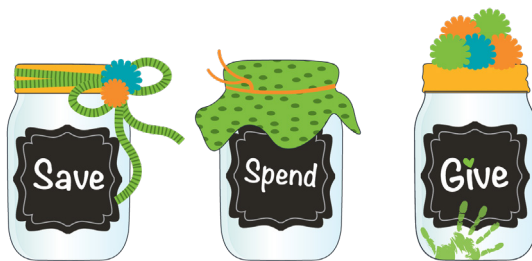
Step 1

Gather all your decorations and materials. Reduce clean up by working at a table and spreading a disposable tablecloth.



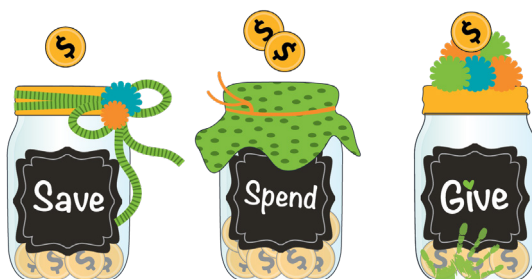
Step 2

Write on the chalkboard labels with your marker. If your child cannot write, feel free to let them draw out the words instead.



Step 3

Decorate! Some people like to tie a pretty ribbon around the neck of the jar. Some kids like to glue pom poms all over.



Step 4

Start off your child's jars by discussing how much will go in each jar. Place the jars in a spot the whole family can see and encourage your child when jars are filled.