

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand the concept of money and its importance in our daily lives.

Materials and Prep

- Play money (coins and bills)
- A piggy bank or jar
- Whiteboard or paper and markers
- A computer or tablet with internet access
- Printed pictures of different items that can be purchased

Activities

1. **Play Store:** Set up a pretend store using the play money and the printed pictures of items. Take turns being the shopkeeper and the customer. Practice buying and selling items using the play money.
2. **Piggy Bank Sorting:** Sort the play money into different categories such as coins and bills. Discuss the different values of each coin and bill.
3. **Online Treasure Hunt:** Use a computer or tablet to go on a virtual treasure hunt. Look for pictures of different coins and bills online. Identify and discuss their values.

Talking Points

- "Money is something we use to buy things. It can be in the form of coins or bills. Can you show me a coin? How about a bill?"
- "Coins have different values. Some are worth more than others. Let's sort them into groups based on their values. Can you tell me the value of this coin?"
- "When we go to a store, we use money to buy things we want or need. Let's pretend to be in a store. You can be the shopkeeper and I'll be the customer. How much does this item cost?"
- "We can also save our money in a piggy bank or jar. It's like a special container that keeps our money safe. How much money do you have in your piggy bank? Let's count it together!"
- "Sometimes we can find money hidden in unexpected places, like a treasure hunt! Let's go on a virtual treasure hunt and see if we can find any pictures of coins or bills online. What do you think we can buy with this money?"
- "Remember, money is important because it helps us buy things we need, like food and clothes. It's also important to save some money for the future. Can you think of something you would like to buy with your money?"