

Activity Description

Children spend money using a Family Activity Menu.

Learning Goal

Practise spending money and representing money amounts in different ways.

Materials

- Family Activity Menu (included)
- Canadian Currency and Payment Method Templates (included)

Activity Instructions

1. As a family, fill out the Family Activity Menu with different activities you would like to do together over a day, weekend, or week (e.g., family bike ride, play at the park, dance party, bake, play a board game, go for a hike, play catch, nature scavenger hunt).
2. Decide on a cost for each activity. (The cost can be the same for all activities or different depending on the activity). Post the Family Activity Menu in your home where everyone can see it.
3. Give your child a budget to spend (e.g., \$20). They will cut out the Canadian Currency Templates in preparation to spend the given budget.
4. Before participating in each activity, ask your child to pay for the activity based on the value you have determined. You can have them store their money in a “wallet” (use a jar or container) to show them how the money is being spent.
5. Encourage your child to use different combinations of coins/bills to pay for each activity (e.g., to pay for a \$1 activity, they might use four quarters, or a loonie, or two quarters and 5 dimes).