

Creative Savings

Summary: In this activity, family members will decorate savings jars and increase healthy savings habits

Age Group: Full Family Activity

Materials: glass jars, paint, paint brushes, other craft supplies as needed

Instructions:

Decide as a family if each family member wants to decorate their own jar, or if the family will decorate a jar together. Once that has been determined, decide what you will be saving for. If each family member is making their own jar, each person should set their own savings goal. If the family is making one jar together, brainstorm as a family what you want to save for such as a vacation or a new trampoline. Once you have determined what you are saving for and how much you need to save, decorate your jar(s) using paint or other desired materials. Once you have finished decorating your jar(s), keep the following questions in mind. Deposit your loose change and dollar bills into the jar(s) and watch your savings grow!

- How will you keep track of how much is in your jar?
- How will you make sure you are adding to the jar consistently?
- Do you want to set any goals with your jar? For example, do you want to deposit X amount of money into your jar in a month?

Extension: If each family member is setting an individual goal, discuss how family members without jobs can earn money. Could they do chores to earn an allowance? Could they help their neighbors with yard work? Could they walk dogs in the neighborhood for a small fee? Think about new and innovative ways to make money to deposit into your savings jars.

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