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Children's Books and Financial Discussion Guides – Ages 4-10

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Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday
by Judith Viorst

Summary: Alexander started the week as a rich young man. There were so many things he could do with a dollar. The money began to disappear.

Key ideas: Prioritizing, saving

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The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money
by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Summary: Brother and Sister Bear spend money as soon as they get it. The cubs learn there is more to know about money than just how to spend it.

Key ideas: Making decisions, spending

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A Bargain for Frances
by Russell Hoban

Summary: Frances saves and saves for a china tea set. Her friend Thelma tricks her into buying an old plastic tea set. Frances finds a way to get what she really wants.

Key ideas: Setting goals, staying true to yourself

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A Chair for My Mother
by Verna Williams

Summary: A family loses all their furniture in a fire. They set a goal to buy a chair for mother. The family, neighbors, and friends work together for success.

Key ideas: Setting goals, earning

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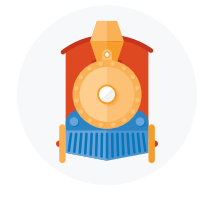


The Berenstain Bears & Mama's New Job
by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Summary: When Mama becomes a "business bear," the way work gets done around the house changes. Other members of the Bear family learn how to help more.

Key ideas: Setting goals, earning

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Curious George Saves His Pennies
by Margaret and H.A. Rey

Summary: Curious George wants to buy a toy train at a local toy store. The man with the yellow hat suggests that George save money for the train. When George reaches his goal, he loses all his money on the way to the toy store.

Key ideas: Making decisions, sharing and borrowing

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Jingle Dancer

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Summary: Jenna wants to dance at the next powwow. She needs to have bells that jingle on her dress before she can dance. Jenna gets help from her family to find jingles for her dress before the powwow.

Key ideas: Solving problems, sharing and borrowing

Ages: 4+ | [Discussion Guide Available](#)



Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen

by Cari Best

Summary: Sally Jean loves to ride her bicycle. When Sally Jean grows too big for her bike, her parents tell her she must wait. Sally Jean comes up with ways to raise money and reuse old parts to make a bigger bike.

Key ideas: Solving problems, earning
Ages: 4-8 | [Discussion Guide Available](#)



Lemonade in Winter

by Emily Jenkins

Summary: On a cold winter day, Pauline and John-John set up a lemonade stand on the street outside their home. They try many ways to sell their drinks and Pauline teaches John-John how to count quarters along the way.

Key ideas: Solving problems, spending
Ages: 3-7 | [Discussion Guide Available](#)



Sam and the Lucky Money

by Cari Best

Summary: Sam is excited to go shopping in Chinatown on Chinese New Year's day. Sam is sad that he does not have enough money to buy something special, until he has a surprise meeting with a stranger.

Key ideas: Prioritizing, sharing and borrowing, staying true to yourself
Ages: 4-8 | [Discussion Guide Available](#)



My Rows and Piles of Coins

by Tololwa M. Mollel

Summary: A young boy in Tanzania, a country in Africa, works hard and saves all his money for months. He wants to buy a bicycle to help his mother carry items to sell at the market.

Key ideas: Setting goals, saving
Ages: 4+ | [Discussion Guide Available](#)



Sheep in a Shop

by Nancy Shaw

Summary: Some sheep go shopping for a birthday gift. They find they do not have enough money to pay for it. They decide to solve their problem by trading.

Key ideas: Making decisions, solving problems
Ages: 4+ | [Discussion Guide Available](#)



Ox-Cart Man

by Donald Hall

Summary: A farm family uses their time, energy, and talents to make or grow almost everything they need. They also make and grow extra things to take to market and sell.

Key ideas: Earning, setting goals
Ages: 4+ | [Discussion Guide Available](#)

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