



# Money Moves in a Community

After watching the *JA Our Community* Lesson 5 volunteer video session, reinforce the learning in the lesson by having your child count out some coins and create a shopping trip story and money trail.

## Materials

- Variety of assorted coins
- Sticky notes or small pieces of paper
- String or yarn

## Activity

Guide your child through the following steps:

- Have your child gather a pile of coins, identify each of the coins in the pile, and state its value. For example, “This dime is worth 10 cents.”
- Ask him to count out some money for you, such as, “Can you count out 20 cents?” (two dimes or four nickels or one dime and two nickels). Have him practice until you feel confident he knows the names and values of the coins.
- Discuss what he could buy with the money. For example, with 50 cents he might buy an apple, or with 25 cents he might buy a pencil.
- Help him choose five or six goods he could buy with this money and have him write the names and/or draw pictures of them on sticky notes or small pieces of paper.
- Create a story and money trail by imagining a shopping trip. Use the pictures of goods your child created, the coins that match the cost of each good, and the string to connect them. Alternate line by line so that your child creates the story with you. For example:
  1. “I am going to the market to buy an apple.” (Use a picture of an apple and set the coins next to it.)
  2. “I will go to the toy store and buy a new ball.” (Begin the string at the apple picture and connect it to the picture of a ball, etc.)
  3. “I will go to the park with my ball and buy a bag of crumbs to feed to the birds.”
  4. “I will go to the store and buy a pencil to do my homework.”
- Continue the shopping trip story until no pictures or coins are left. You might want to take turns coming up with the next purchase. Encourage your child to add elements into the story, such as saving money in a bank or putting coins in a donation can at a store or pet shelter.
- Suggest your child write down or share aloud his story with a close friend or family member.