









Sort Your Money

Penny = 1¢	1 Dollar = \$1
Nickel = 5¢	5 Dollars = \$5
Dime = 10¢	10 Dollars = \$10
Quarter = 25¢	

Additional Activities to Try

Start or dump out a coin jar and have your child sort the coins. Discuss each coin's value, name, and potentially an item that it would buy.

Talk about where money is made, at the US Mint. You can talk about how the US has decided to stop making the penny, because it is more expensive to make than it is worth. There will still be pennies out in the world that people can use as money, but there will not be anymore made. Starting in November 2025, the nickel is the smallest valued coin made in the US.

Create stacks of different coins to show equivalency, i.e. 10 dimes = \$1, 10 pennies = 1 dime, 5 nickels = 1 quarter.

Have your child guess how much you have in total then count up all of your money and talk about how close or far away the guess was.

If you have your child buy something, have them use bills and coins to do it. The more children can see, touch, and count money, the more they will understand it as a concept. For this age group, it is best to use tangible currency like cash and coins, instead of digital like cards or phones.

When you are shopping with your child, try to use cash sometimes as well, and talk to them about how much something costs, what you are buying, and which bills and coins you are using to purchase it.

More Conversation Starters:

- Where have you seen our family use coins and bills?
- Do we use mainly coins or bills?
- How else do we pay for things?
- How can we keep our money safe?
- What do we use money for?

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