



# Episode 103: How Do You Get Money? Suggested Family Activities

## How Do You Get Money?

Are you looking for ways to help your child retain the lessons from *Biz Kid\$*? Try the following activities.

- Getting that first job can seem like a mysterious process. Think back to when you got your first job. Maybe you were a lifeguard at a local pool or worked at a fast-food restaurant. How did you decide where you wanted to work? How did you apply for the job? Talk to your child about your early experiences in the workplace. By sharing your experiences, the process of job hunting will not seem quite so mysterious or scary to your child.
- Does your child receive an allowance? If so, what does he or she do with that money? Talk to your child about safe ways to make money grow, such as starting a savings account. A savings account will allow your child to deposit money and watch it grow as more deposits are made and interest accumulates over time.

If you're not comfortable talking about such topics, take your child on a trip to your local financial institution. Credit unions and banks have employees who can assist you. Also, many financial institutions have special accounts for children that can be started with any amount of money (no matter how small).

- You have probably heard the saying, "See a penny, pick it up, and all day long you'll have good luck." But, how many times a day do we see change on the ground and we pass right by? Show your child that even small amounts add up.

Keep a savings jar in a place where you and your child will see it often. At the end of each day, allow your child to add your spare pocket change to the jar. At the end of each month, have your child count and track the saved change on a chart that you create together. At the end of the year, total the monthly savings amounts. Tell your child that for helping you keep track of the change, he or she may choose a way to spend the money that will be fun for or helpful to the whole family.

- Bring the valuable lessons from *Biz Kid\$* into your child's classroom by volunteering with your local Junior Achievement (JA) Office. To find the JA office closest to your home, visit [http://www.ja.org/near/near\\_map.asp](http://www.ja.org/near/near_map.asp).