



# Earn, Save, Spend, and Donate

Watch the *JA Our City* Lesson 1 volunteer video session. Then do this activity to learn more about money choices.

## Materials

- 3 matching boxes, jars, or cans with lids
- Tape and scissors
- Art supplies
- Pencil or pen

## Activity

Check off the boxes as you finish your work.

- Find three matching boxes or cans with lids: for example, Pringles cans, small gift boxes, margarine tubs, mason jars. Tape the lids to the containers and decorate them if you'd like. Have someone help you cut a hole in the lid big enough for money to fit through.
- Label one container SAVE, another SPEND, and the other DONATE. Think of them as banks.
- Now think of ways you could earn money. You could ask an adult if you could earn some money by doing chores. Or you could play a game with an older sibling or adult using play money and earning a dollar for every point you score.
- Once you have EARNED a little money (real or pretend), think about how you would use it.
  - What would you spend it on? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What would you save for? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who could you donate to? \_\_\_\_\_
- Count out money into each of your banks. The amounts may or may not be equal.
- Keep the bank and use it with real money to help you make real choices.
  - Why is it important to make good choices with your money? \_\_\_\_\_

## Activity

Check out these Cha-Ching videos! Then talk about the concepts with a parent or other caring adult.

**Video Title: Cha-Ching Episode 1: Earn, Save, Spend & Donate Link:** [https://youtu.be/w0JKyv\\_kw1I](https://youtu.be/w0JKyv_kw1I)

Video 1 Discussion Questions:

- What are the choices we have with money?
- Why is it important to know the four choices?

**Video Title: Cha-Ching Episode 5: Saving for Success Link:** <https://youtu.be/UzPKC-UXRVA>

Video 5 Discussion Questions:

- Do you save your money?
- How do you save your money?
- Why do you save your money?