



# Young Children & Children

## Game Plan

### *Rolling In Money*

#### Best Use

As a family night activity with younger kids

#### Value

Teaches the value of money and good stewardship

#### Advance Preparation

1. Go to the bank and withdraw as many one-dollar bills as you can up to \$1000. Don't worry—you'll return most of it the next day. Or you may choose to use play money.
2. Create an envelope titled "God's Instructions for Money" with several notes containing Bible passages with instructions on how to use the money.
  - Malachi 3:10—Give 10% to God
  - Proverbs 30:24-25—Save 10% for the future
  - Romans 13:8—Pay your bills (List several pretend bills such as \$500 for the house payment, \$150 for food, \$150 for the car, etc. Make sure the mock bills add up to almost the entire cash pile, leaving only a few dollars free.)
3. Follow instructions on the reverse side for an unforgettable experience.

**Step One:** Hide the pile of cash someplace in the house and invite the kids to find the secret treasure. When they find the money allow time for them to go nuts!

**Step Two:** Invite the kids to count the treasure promising them they will be able to spend it on anything they want **after** following God's instructions for money.

**Step Three:** Have the children count out enough one-dollar bills to meet each financial obligation described on the three notes: 10% for tithe, 10% for savings, and enough for each of the "bills."

**Step Four:** Give each child the remaining cash to spend as they please. Needless to say, they will be a bit disappointed. But they will also better understand real-world expenses and our responsibilities as stewards of the money God gives.

**Step Five:** End your time creating stewardship boxes and label, "Give," "Save," and "Spend" for the kids to use when they earn money or receive allowance.

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