

12 Do's and Don'ts for Teaching Your Kids about Money

1. Do get kids their own piggy bank because they will develop a sense of ownership.
2. Don't worry your kid with the phrase: "We Can't Afford It", on the other hand don't downplay the importance of money.
3. Do take your kid to the bank and open a savings account in his or her name (at about age 10).
4. Don't give your kids everything they ask for and don't feel guilty about saying no.
5. Do involve kids in household shopping and letting them hold the shopping list or coupons.
6. Don't micromanage their money for them, let them make a mistake or two.
7. Do give an allowance, start at age 6 with a weekly amount.
8. Don't use credit cards often around young kids, because they may believe a magic card will get you anything you want.
9. Do talking about money in casual conversations teaches that finances are important but not scary.
10. Don't give your kids a loan if they spent their own money already, they have to learn to make smarter choices.
11. Do offer kids the chance to earn extra income with special tasks like mowing the grass, washing, or vacuuming the car, and helping take care of the family pet.
12. Do remind kids that it all comes down to making wise choices. Remind them to consider the outcome of their decisions.