

Faith@Home

Young Children

Rolling In Money

Best Use

As a family night activity with younger kids

Nutritional 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.)
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.)

Serve It Up

Follow the instructions on the reverse side for an unforgettable experience.

Rolling In Money Family Night

- **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 a "Stewardship Box" with three slots labeled "Give" and "Save" and "Spend" for the kids to use when they earn money or receive their allowance.

Step Six: Memorize the following jingle together...

"Before you spend away – give, save and pay."