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A Guide for Teaching Kids About Money

Money Skills for 8, 9 and 10 Year Olds

Age 8: Show What Household Things Cost

By this age, a kid's understanding of addition and subtraction should be advanced enough to easily understand the broad concept of money coming in and going out. This is a good age to explain that although you make money at work, you have to spend some of it on bills.

Activity: Let your child be with you while you pay the bills. These numbers -- especially rent or mortgage -will be too big for them to thoroughly comprehend, but you can let them help you with some of the math operations to balance your checkbook, like adding up the cents column in your transaction ledger.

Lesson Learned: Adults have to pay bills, but that's not a problem as long as they save up money from their paychecks.

Age 9: Open a Savings Account

By age 9, kids are old enough (and self-possessed enough) to understand the concept of saving money for items they need and want. This is the right age to not only to set up a savings account, but also to include your kid in the action so they feel some ownership over it.

Activity: Open a custodial savings account with about \$30 and tell them you've done so. Don't let them withdraw money at will -- if they want to save up for a big purchase like a bike, they should talk to you about it -- but tell them that you'll take them to the bank to make deposits whenever they want. For every dollar they contribute, consider offering to match it.

Lesson Learned: It's fun to save money!

Age 10: Teach the Truth About **Credit Cards**

By the time your kid is in late elementary school, they'll hear about credit cards. Before they take in misinformation or bad habits, teach them constructive (and correct) information about the different kinds of cards and accounts that are available.

Activity: Take all your cards out of your wallet and go over which one is for debit, which is for credit, etc. Explain the differences. When you're at the grocery store, let them swipe the card. Point out what that means for your money: If it's a debit card, they are deducting money from your checking account. If it's a credit card, you might want to say something like, "Swiping this equals borrowing money".

Lesson Learned: How debit and credit cards work.

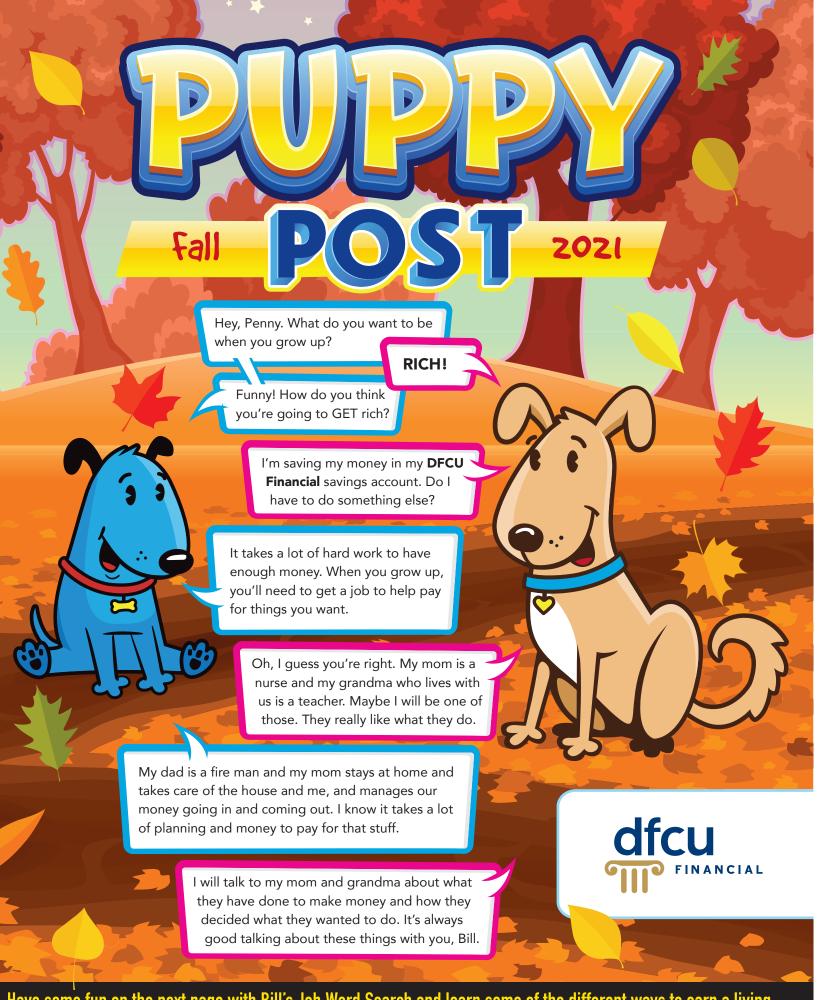
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NURSE **WRITER PILOT ZOOLOGIST POLICEMAN**



How to Make

Using only a few ingredients and no chemicals, this slime recipe is the easiest you will ever make!

Prep Time: 1 minute Cook Time: 4 minutes **Total Time:** 5 minutes **Servings**: 2 Slime Globs **Equipment:** Mixing Bowl

INGREDIENTS

- 6 oz. bottle of glue try glitter glue, too!
- 1/2 tbsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 tbsp. cheap contact solution

DIRECTIONS

- Pour the entire bottle of glue into a small mixing bowl
- Add the baking soda to the bowl of glue and stir until combined
- When the slime begins to get firm, you can use your hands to knead it and combine all the ingredients really well
- Add a squirt of more contact solution if it is too sticky

