

Suggestions of other Family Learning Activities for various age children

Here are some ideas of other things we've done in Family Learning sessions, in case you want to experiment. If you have any other good ideas, or have tried something that works- please let us know and we'll share it with others!

Alternative Introduction: (children 8-18).

If you don't want to use the cobweb, everyone introduce themselves and say one or more of the following:

- what is the BEST thing about money for them
- what is the WORST thing about money
- what they would do if they had all the money in the world

Bartering Game: (Children 3-11)

Give them tokens (e.g. elephants, bananas, TV etc) and they have to barter with each other to get a shopping list you give them (e.g. to collect elephant, bananas, TVs etc).

→ *You will need to make some tokens, and make a shopping list*

TV Advert Detectives: (Children 8-16)

Consider taping some TV adverts and play 'advertising detectives' with the children while watching the adverts- asking same questions as on the 'detective' sheet for print adverts!

→ *You will need to tape some TV adverts or line them up from youtube.com beforehand.*

Logo identification: (Children 5-12)

Hold up some well known logos e.g. McDonalds, Nike, Apple, and get children to guess them. Then ask the parents- where do children learn logos from?

→ *You will need to collect some common logos.*

Logo designing: (Children 7-18).

Get children and parents to design their own family logo. What does your logo represent, and why? What message do you want to put out to the world? If you want, they can then make a T-shirt with their own logo on it.

→ *You will need blank paper, coloured pens, and possibly T-shirts and fabric pens.*

MADE OF MONEY

Desert Island game: (Children 7-18).

Consider this instead of the 'I want, I need' exercise if you want something more interactive/in depth.

Make up 2 bags full of the following items- either the real thing, or photos of them:

1. tin of beans (representing 'food source')
2. bottle of water (representing clean water)
3. stick,
4. black bin bag
5. mobile phone
6. games console,
7. matches
8. box of paracetamol (representing 'medical supplies'),
9. chocolate
10. a fish hook or something similar (if you can find one!),
11. make up

Split groups into two, and give a bag to each group. In their groups, they have to decide what 7 items they would keep if they were on a desert island.

When they are done, compare groups and ask why they chose what they did.

→ you will need items for the 'bags', plus two large bags (we often use pillowcases)

Board games you might consider buying:

- **Pop to the Shop** for 3-8 year olds (Orchard Toys)

<http://www.orchardtoys.com/products/pop-to-the-shops/>

- **Piggy in the Middle**- for 3-8 year old - a game around saving.

Good for parents to play with children

www.orchardtoys.com/products/piggy-in-the-middle/

- **Payday** for 8 year olds to adult (Hasbro, although may need to get on eBay as is discontinued!)

- **Monopoly** for 12 years to adult (but it's a bit long for one session!)

