

SESSION 7: Family Learning

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Aims of the Session: by the end of the session participants will.....

- © Have a greater understanding of what money is used for
- © Have a greater understanding of the different decisions that have to be made about money within families, what is needed and what is luxury
- © Learn to have conversations in families about money
- © Have a greater understanding of the impact and purpose of advertising

Session Plan (2 hours)

NB: Materials in *italics* are things that are NOT provided in your resource box and you will need to get yourself

Stage	Activity	Delivery Notes
Icebreaker	Cobweb Introduction Person to say their name, throw ball of string at someone across the room who says their name and the name of the person who threw it at them.	As is
Setting Aims	Introduction What we'll be doing and how we'll be doing it. Set ground rules, involving children.	As is
Taste Test/ Shopping	 Taste Test 2-3 items E.g. ketchup, cereal, yoghurts, strawberry milk, biscuits- on different tables round the room. Give out tick sheets for children. While doing this, show packaging and ask questions e.g. Why do you think people pay more for brands? Are they worth it? Does packaging looks better on more expensive brands? Will it taste better? How can we use shopping trips to help us learn about money? 	As per week 2
Wants/Needs	I Want? I Need? Exercise Put 'I Want? I Need?' cards on either side of room. Get families to stand on either side, depending on whether they 'need' (i.e. essential for their life) or 'want' something (not essential but nice) while reading out the list provided in the cheat sheet (or your own list!)	Pick words the group will recognize when running these. A good example to explain this is we <i>need</i> food, but might <i>want</i> chocolate.
Wants/Needs & Communication	Essential / Non Essential Spending Place families together (enough resources for 6 groups/families) with set of cards. Children decide what is essential and what is not. Then get them to order what is most →least important to spend money on. Compare groups and discuss.	You can continue to use the words Need / Want if that is easier for the group, and discuss what each card is.

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Branding	Advertising Detectives	Do this if it can work with the group,
Awareness	**BEFOREHAND**- Collect some adverts used	focusing the discussion on the first set of
	locally for children's products- food, toys, Argos	questions on the handout.
	catalogues etc.	
	Lay out adverts on tables.	
	Tell children they are going to play 'Advertising	
	Detectives'. Parents are given sheets to help their	
	child(ren). Have groups spend some time thinking	
	about how people sell us things, using front of the	
	handout. Then have groups to go round looking at	
	the adverts, asking questions and collecting 'clues'	
	using back of handout.	
	As a group, sum up by asking:	
	What do adverts try and do?	
	How do they try and do it?	
	You can give out "Advertising Detectives take home	
	sheet" for families to play at home.	
Branding	Design Your Own Advert	As is
Awareness	Parents and children together design an advert for	
	a product of their own choosing. Give out handout	
	as guidance.	
	Some questions you may want to ask are:	
	What sort of things do adverts say?	
	 What sort of things DON'T they say? 	
	 How could you sell this product without 	
	lying?	
Communication &	Timeline Exercise-	As is
Values	Get children to do the 'timeline' exercise from	
OPTIONAL IF	Session 6 (Children and Money) & compare with	
TIME	parents answers!	
Reflection	Wrap Up	As is
	Go round and everyone say what they will take	
	away from today. What might change around	
	money in our house?	
Evaluation	Evaluation	As is
	What did we think of today? Get children to put	
	stickers on one of the faces (you may want to stick	
	these around the room).	
	If appropriate, get feedback.	



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