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A girl and her family save money together to buy a comfortable chair for their new home after their former home is destroyed in a fire.

Ages: 3 to 7 years

Interest Level:

preschool to 2nd grade

ATOS Reading Level:

3.4

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A Chair for my Mother

Is there something you'd like to save money to buy?

Topics: money, problem solving, estimation, counting, counting by 1s, 5s, 10s, and 25s, addition

Math Connections: Use *A Chair for My Mother* to introduce the concept of money and saving money. Ask your child if there is something they want to save money to buy. Talk about how much the item costs and estimate how long it may take to reach that goal. If your child has already started saving, count the money they have saved so far. If they haven't started saving, talk about ways that they might earn some money and where they might keep it. Consider opening a savings account with your child at a local bank. Have your child separate coins by type—pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. Practice counting the nickels by 5s, dimes by 10s, and quarters by 25s. Select five coins randomly—figure out the value of the coins. Ask your child to find several combinations of five coins that are worth more than 50 cents. Ask your child to find combinations of five coins that are worth more than 10 cents, but less than 30 cents. Ask your child to figure out how much money they would have if they saved one quarter each day for an entire week.

Extension Questions:

1. Why do some people save money?
2. Have you ever tried to save money? If so, what did you do?
3. What do people do in order to save money?
4. How did Rosa and her family save money?
5. When it comes to money, are you more of a saver or more of a spender?
6. If I gave you five dollars, what would you do with it?

Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts	bargain, change, coins, dimes, enough, half, money, nickels, quarters, savings, single, ten-dollar bill, tips
Vocabulary for Extending Math Concepts	allowance, budget, credit, debt, interest, invest, savings account
Vocabulary for Reading Comprehension	armchair, ashes, charcoal, delivered, exchanged, pumps, put by, spoiled, velvet

Early Math Project Resources:

[First to 100](#) (English)

[Primero a 100](#) (Spanish)

Online Resources:

[Learning to Give](#)

[Reading Rainbow](#)

Age Level	Related Preschool Foundations and CA State Standards
Infant/ Toddler	Not applicable.
Preschool/ TK	<p>Number Sense 2.0 Children begin to understand number relationships and operations in their everyday environment. 2.3 Understand that putting two groups of objects together will make a bigger group.</p> <p>Algebra and Functions 1.1 Sort and classify objects by one or more attributes, into two or more groups, with increasing accuracy.</p> <p>Mathematical Reasoning 1.0 Children use mathematical thinking to solve problems that arise in their everyday environment.</p>
Kindergarten	<p>Operations and Algebraic Thinking K.OA.1 Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from.</p> <p>Measurement and Data K.MD.3 Classify objects and count the number of objects in each category.</p>
Grade 1	<p>Number and Operation in Base Ten 1.NBT.4, 1.NBT.5 1.NBT.6 Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.</p>
Grade 2	<p>Number and Operation in Base Ten 2.NBT.5, 2.NBT.6 2.NBT.7 Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.</p> <p>Measurement and Data 2.MD.8 Solve word problems involving dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, using \$ and ¢ symbols appropriately.</p>

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