



# Family Newsletter for Unit 5

## Making Economic Choices

### Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- how people earn money and the choices they make when using money
- about producers and consumers in local and international economic markets

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

### Talk About It

Chapter 9: Economics Every Day

**Money** Discuss the importance of having a budget and saving money. Explain how you make use of a bank to help you save and keep track of your money.

Chapter 10: Communities Produce and Trade

**Raw materials** Go through your home with your child and identify items that are finished goods, such as prepared foods. Then identify raw materials for making finished goods.

### Make It

**A bank** Help your child make a “piggy bank” for saving money. Provide paints, stickers, markers, or paper and glue. Have your child decorate a plastic container or small cardboard box. Cut a slit in the top for inserting coins or bills. Discuss what he or she will do with the money saved.

### Read to Learn More About It

*All Kinds of Money*, by David A. Adler.  
Discusses the history of money from early times to today.

*A Chair for My Mother*, by Vera B. Williams.  
A girl and her mother save money to buy an easy chair.

*Money*, by Benjamin Elkin. This nonfiction book explains bartering and why we use money in exchange for goods and services.



### Technology

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