

# Giving Money

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We can serve others with our time and our talents, but it's also important to help others by giving money. We can help our teenagers see the value in giving some of their money to promote social causes they care about, and when they do, they can learn to be lifetime givers.



## For

Teen Family

## Season

Summer

## Needed

Five pennies, five nickels, five dimes, and five quarters for each family member, Giving to Causes You Care About worksheet – one copy for each family member, the movie *Millions*

## Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.  
*God, you give us many resources that help us to live well. Guide us in how we use our money to help others. Amen.*
2. Give each family member a copy of the Giving to Causes You Care About worksheet, along with five pennies, five nickels, five dimes, and five quarters.
3. Ask each person to place a coin (or multiple coins) next to the categories on the worksheet that he or she cares about most. For example, one person may place a dime and a nickel next to the animal category and four quarters next to the your church category. Encourage family members to use all their coins.
4. When everyone finishes, ask questions such as these:
  - Was it easy or hard to place all your coins? Why?
  - Which category means the most to you? Why?
  - Which category means the least to you? Why?
  - How easy is it for you to give money to causes you care about? Why?
  - What encourages you to care more about one cause than another?
  - Why is it important to give money to causes we care about?
5. Together, watch the movie *Millions*.
6. After you finish the movie, ask questions such as these:
  - How can money be used for good?
  - How can money be used for evil?
  - How do you use money? Why?
  - How easy is it to talk about money? Why?
  - How can our family help others by giving money?
7. Close with this prayer:  
*Thank you God, for opening our eyes to the power of money. Help us to use our money wisely and to give our money well. Amen.*

## Giving to Causes You Care About

Which causes do you care about most? Place a penny, nickel, dime, or quarter next to each category that you care about. (Feel free to use multiple coins for one category, if you wish.)

Animals	
Peace	
Health Issues	
Eradicate Poverty	
Military Families	
Your Church	
Your School or Your Club	
The Arts	
The Environment	
Education	

