

Financial literacy resources for children and teens



There are many resources and games available for teaching children about different aspects of managing money, investing, and philanthropy. Starting financial literacy education with children and teens will be more successful when you make the activity fun, connected to their life stage, and related to current interests.

This includes gamifying learning, suggesting books to the readers, board games for kinesthetic learners, and offering videos for those that are auditory and visual learners. Consider using these resources to create shared learning experiences for siblings and generational groups.

Books

§ [The Giving Tree](#)

A beloved parable by Shel Silverstein that interprets the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return.

§ [How to turn \\$100 into \\$1,000,000](#) [Earn! Save! Invest!](#)

For children 10-14, this book describes a few simple strategies and concepts about money: make it, save it, grow it.

§ [Money as You Grow](#)

A list of books to read with your children developed by the President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability.

§ [The Ms. Spend Then Book Series](#) [from Millennial Guru](#)

Throughout her childhood, Paige's father held 'dad's classes.' The ideas from those classes inspired her to write a series of children's books to simplify complicated concepts such as debt, principle, talents, taxes, and the economy.

The following is a series of "approachable, quirky books" intended for ages 8+

§ [Understanding Money](#)

How money works, what counts as fair pay, and why there is such a big gap between the rich and the poor.

§ [Understanding Business](#)

How the global market works, what businesses and companies do, what they need, and what purpose they serve.

§ [Understanding Economics](#)

Why markets are so important, how businesses work out what to sell, and how governments choose how to run a country.

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Learning Activities

§ [52 Activities for Raising Financially Smart Children](#)

Available for download for free, these 52 activities are for kids of all ages and cover topics such as budgeting, giving back and developing healthy relationships.

§ [Greenlight Debit Card for Kids](#)

Includes a variety of parental controls, including chore management, allowance on autopilot, store-specific spend controls, and real-time transaction notifications.

§ [Financial Fitness for Life®](#)

FFFL is a comprehensive personal finance curriculum for K-12 students that teaches students how to make thoughtful, well-informed decisions about important aspects of personal finance, such as earning income, spending, saving, borrowing, investing, and managing money. They also have lesson plans and materials on topics like globalization, choices and changes, entrepreneurship, economic systems, financial crisis, etc.

§ [Stock Trak](#)

This is a stock simulator that allows users to play various stock market games to learn about different asset classes and strategies, how the market works and practice investment theories and strategies.

Videos and Podcast

§ [Biz Kid\\$ Series](#)

Real, young entrepreneurs, hilarious sketch comedy, and education content just for teens. Watch and learn tips on how to start your own business.

§ [Borrowing Basics: a lesson on credit and debt \(Grades 3-5\)](#)

Beginning with the story of an older brother receiving a credit card to purchase a bike, his sister sets out to learn more about the basics of borrowing. Through questions and examples, she explains how credit and debt works.

§ [How to Build Wealth Through Stocks \(Grade 9-12\)](#)

In this video, teenagers learn what stocks are and how they are sold and purchased. They will also discover the benefits that stocks offer to investors.

§ [Warren Buffett's Secret Millionaires Club](#)

An innovative way to teach good financial habits and entrepreneurial skills through important life lessons, in an animated cartoon series with Warren Buffett.

§ [Million Bazillion](#)

A Podcast about money for kids and their families.

Websites

§ [Money Savvy Generation](#)

This website has great resources for parents and children to help kids get smarter about money, including books, organizers, and curriculum. For example, they have a piggy bank for the 21st century that enables children to separate money for saving, spending, donating and investing.

§ [Napkin Finance](#)

Napkin Finance provides quick and easy answers to money questions that harnesses the power of visual learning to make complex financial concepts accessible and to empower readers to take their financial decisions into their own hands.

§ [Practical Money Skills](#)

A financial literacy website for parents and children. Created by Visa, the program offers money management resources including calculators, games, and lesson plans tailored for use by Canadian families and educators.

§ [Share Save Spend](#)

Share Save Spend designs tools and resources to help families proactively address issues related to money and the role it plays in their lives. One resource you can find on the website is Money Sanity U, which is a subscription-based virtual library designed to proactively address a variety of money topics. Created by personal finance expert, Nathan Dungan, it offers unique insights, relatable examples, and actionable ideas—all designed to help individuals and families build healthy money habits and enhance their financial wellbeing.

§ [Younginvestor.com](#)

This online resource provides kids, teens, parents, and teachers with access to interactive financial games, puzzles and quizzes. The financial insights and techniques are scaled to accommodate all age groups, thus making it the perfect instructional tool for parents and teachers.

Resource descriptions adapted from their respective websites.