



Get the Things you Want

“When I was little my parents told me to budget my allowance and save some for my future,” says Shawn.



“I’m only five, why save now?” he thought. Now, at age eleven, Shawn understands.

“You can have money for the things you want,” says Shawn. Start with a budget:

- List everything you spend money on. Shawn likes video games, coloring books, football cards and treats.
- Decide what’s necessary.

“Like stuff for school such as notebooks, calculators and pencils,” says Shawn.

- List your sources of money. Shawn shovels snow in the winter. In other seasons he mows lawns and rakes yards. He babysits year round.
- Commit to save, starting with small amounts.

Shawn’s first purchase was a video game. “It’s exciting to work, earn, and save!” he says.

THE PLAN

Does your family have a plan to get in touch with each other in case of emergency? If aliens invaded or your house burned down, would you know where to go to find your parents?

Every family should have a plan in case of emergencies. The plan should include how to get out of the house quickly and safely. If it’s a two story house, a rope or chain ladder may be part of the plan.

Decide on a meeting place. This could be the house of a friendly neighbor or a nearby relative—a place that everyone can reach. If you lead the way on the plan, you’ll be a hero.

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