MONEY MINDSET ACADEMY

MAX, MIA & BUSTER

THE THREE-STAR TREASURE HUNT



A coloring adventure about spending, saving & sharing

Ages 4-8 | Read, color, and explore!

Read aloud. Color your way. Let the money conversations begin.

A Map, a Wag, a Mystery!

Buster trotted up with the map, and they unfolded it while Max and Mia knelt beside him. Three stars marked a path through the park. At the end was a treasure chest! "Follow the clues and collect three stars," Mom read.

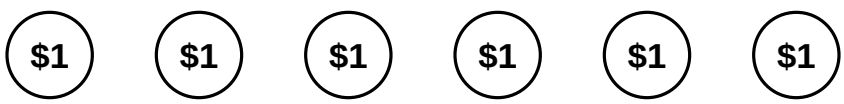


Talk together: What do you think the treasure will be?

First, Make a Plan

Mom had planned the hunt. She gave them six dollars to use together. "Think about what you need now, something you want later, and a way to help," she said. Max and Mia counted carefully. Buster wagged his tail.





Talk together: What would you do with six dollars?

Star One: Spend with a Plan

The first clue asked, "What do you need for our walk?" Max spotted a pinwheel. Mia pointed to water. "We are thirsty!" They spent two dollars on water and received their first star. The pinwheel could wait.



Talk together: Why did they buy water instead of the pinwheel?

Star Two: Save for Later

The next clue showed a kite. Their dream kite cost six dollars, but they had four left. "Let's save two dollars toward it," said Mia. Mom helped them choose a savings jar. Inside the clue envelope was their second star!



Talk together: What would you like to save your money for?

Star Three: Help Something Grow

At the garden, the last clue asked, "How could you help?" They used their last two dollars to buy flower seeds for the shared garden. Mia helped water, too. The gardener thanked them and handed Max the third star.



Talk together: What is something you could share with someone?

Buster Finds the Treasure

Sniff, sniff! Buster found the chest under a big tree. Max and Mia held up their three stars: spend, save, and share. Mom handed them the key. Click! Inside was a picnic for everyone. Their treasure hunt was complete. But their kite adventure was just beginning!



Talk together: How did Max, Mia, and Buster help each other?

Little by Little, a Dream Grows

After the picnic, Mom helped them make a plan. Over the next week, Max and Mia earned four more dollars doing extra jobs they agreed on with Mom. They added the money to their jar. Two saved dollars plus four earned dollars made six. "We reached our kite goal!" they cheered.



Talk together: What small job could you do to earn money?

Up, Up, and Away!

With six dollars in their jar, they bought the kite. At the park, Max held the string while Mia cheered. Up, up, up it flew! Mom smiled as Buster bounded beside them. "We planned, we saved, and we did it together!" said Mia.



Talk together: How did saving help them get their kite?

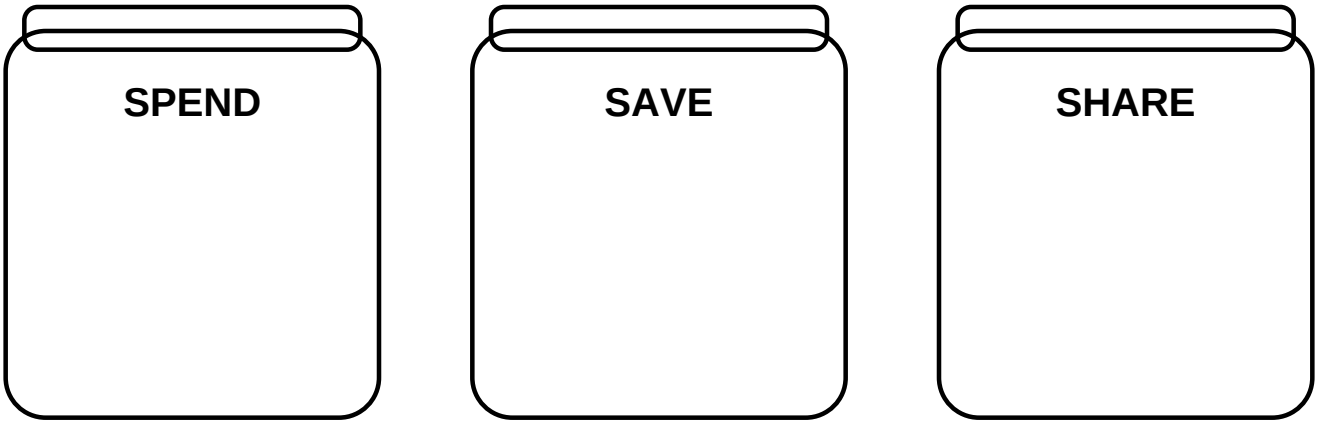
Your Money Adventure Starts Here!

Adventure complete! What did you learn?
Choose a saving goal and make your own plan.

1. Draw something you would like to save for.

2. Make your own spend, save and share plan.

Draw pretend dollars in the jars. You can choose different amounts for each one. There is no one right split.



Sharing can mean giving time, helping, or sharing something you already have.

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