



My Three Jars

Kids' Corner · Grade 1 · Money Words: spend, save, give

Name: _____

Date: _____

A. Every coin gets a jar! Color the 10 coins, then draw a line from each coin to its jar.



B. Count your lines. How many coins in each jar?

SPEND:

SAVE:

GIVE:

ELI's tip: there is no wrong answer - but ELI always makes sure her SAVE jar gets the most coins!

spend save give

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The idea (the most important habit on this whole site)

Splitting every dollar across Spend / Save / Give - BEFORE spending starts - is pre-budgeting.
A child who jars their money at 6 becomes the adult who pays themselves first at 26.

How to run this sheet (10 minutes)

1. Let your child color the 10 coins, then decide each coin's jar and draw the line. Their choice!
2. Count lines into each box. Any split is legal - but talk about it: "What is the save jar FOR?"
3. If every coin went to SPEND, don't correct it - ask what happens when the money is gone.
That conversation IS the lesson.
4. Then make it real: three actual jars (or cups) with these labels, and run the split at allowance time.

Make it stick

Real-jar version + goal poster: see "Saving for a Goal" - earlylifeinvestments.com/education/savings-goals.html
The grown-up version of this lesson: allowance-earnings.html · Kids can try the Jar Counter spreadsheet too!

