

DAISY MONEY COUNTS LEAF

Leaf Purpose: When girls have earned this leaf, they'll know more about money and what it's worth.

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Time	Activity	Materials Needed
15 minutes	Getting Started • Girls recite the Girl Scout Promise + Law and sing the Girl Scout Daisy song.	 □ (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster □ (Optional) Girl Scout Daisy song lyrics poster
20 minutes	Treasure Hunt • Girls learn about the different types of coins and bills.	 □ Assortment of coins and/or dollar bills (real or play money) □ \$1 and \$5 fake bill templates □ Timer
20 minutes	Money Math • Girls learn about the different types of coins and bills.	 □ Four quarters, ten dimes, and twenty nickels (one set of these amounts for each girl) □ Coin equivalents worksheet (one for each girl)
20 minutes	Cost of Fun Girls learn about the costs of fun activities.	□ Coloring utensils□ Paper
15 minutes	Wrapping Up	☐ (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster

Getting Started

Materials Needed: (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster, (optional) Girl Scout Daisy song lyrics poster

Time: 15 minutes

Time: 20 minutes

Welcome everyone to the meeting, recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and sing the Girl Scout Daisy song.

Activity #1: Treasure Hunt

Leaf Connection: Step 1 - Understand the different kinds of coins Materials Needed: Assortment of coins and/or dollar bills; \$1 and \$5 fake bill templates; timer Prep Needed:

- You can use Monopoly money and/or another set of fake or play coins and bills.
- Hide coins and bills throughout the meeting space before girls arrive.

- 1. Tell the girls that there's money hidden around the room and their job is to search for the most money they can find in five minutes.
- 2. After five minutes, ask the girls to come back together and begin sorting the coins and bills they've found into different groups.
- 3. Have the girls present what they found to the group. Ask one girl to volunteer to explain how she sorted her coins.
- 4. Ask the girls to sort their coins by color. Continue to sort using different categories (such as big vs. small, the direction the heads on the coins face, smooth vs. bumpy edges, etc.).

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5. At the end of the activity, review each coin by name (quarter, dime, penny, etc.).

Activity #2: Money Math

Leaf Connection: Step 1 – Understand different kinds of coins; Step 2 – Know more about paper money Materials Needed: Four quarters, ten dimes, and twenty nickels (one set of these amounts for each girl); Coin Equivalents worksheet (one for each girl)

Prep Needed:

- You can also use a set of fake coins or ask families to send the necessary amount of coins for each girl. Plan on bringing extras in case they forget or are unable to bring them.
- Print copies of the Coin Equivalent worksheet.
- 1. Discuss with girls the value of the different coins and visually show how certain coins can add up to equal one separate coin.
 - Example: 5 pennies = 1 nickel
- 2. Explain to the girls that they will be figuring out how many quarters, dimes, and nickels are needed to make a dollar. Provide each girl the worksheet and a set of coins.
- 3. Challenge girls to figure out how many coins you need to have \$5.00 in quarters, nickels, etc.

Activity #3: Cost of Fun

Leaf Connection: Step 3 – Find out the cost of fun Materials Needed: Coloring utensils, paper Prep Needed:

- Gather materials and supplies.
- 1. Ask the girls to list things they do that cost money, such as going to a movie or eating at a restaurant.
- 2. Now ask the girls to each think of one thing they like to do that costs money. Have each girl draw her "cost-activity" on a sheet of paper.
- 3. Have each girl share her drawing and activity with the group.
- 4. Now challenge girls to think of activities they like to do that don't cost money, such as playing at the park or going to the library.
- 5. Ask girls to brainstorm activities they would like to do as a troop that cost money and activities that are free. For activities that cost money, help girls understand how much those activities would cost to do together.
- 6. Optional: Have girls pick one activity from each list that they can do together as a troop this year.

Wrapping Up Time: 15 minutes

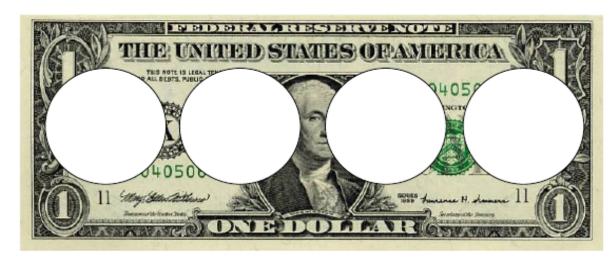
Materials Needed: (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster

Close the meeting by singing Make New Friends and doing a friendship circle.

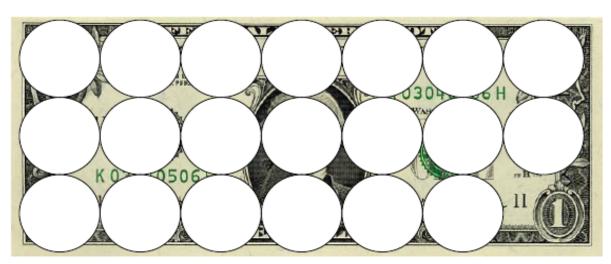
More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
 - o Visit a local bank to learn about money.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - o Invite an adult that works with money to visit the troop, such as a banker, an investment advisor, or another financial services professional.

Coin Equivalents Worksheet







Play Money Template

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Play Money Template

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