

The ABC's of Saving Script

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Directions: Follow along as this story is read aloud. Once the reading is complete, highlight or circle any words that look familiar to you.

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Aim

Slide 2: Set a Goal. The first step to saving is deciding on a goal that you want to save for. It might be a toy for yourself, a gift for a friend, or money to spend on a trip you plan to take.

Slide 3: Things that don't cost much money and take only a few weeks or months to save for are called short-term goals. Saving money to go to the movies or to buy a small toy are short-term goals.

Slide 4: Things that cost more money and take longer to save for are long-term goals. Saving for a bicycle or a video game player are common long-term goals for kids. A long-term goal for an adult might be a new house, a car, or paying for college.

Slide 5: Remind yourself of your goal by putting a picture of it in a place where you will see it every day. On a door or a mirror in your room are good places.

Bank

Slide 6: Create a Savings Place. Next, you will need to create a place where you will put your savings. A piggy bank, can, or jar will work. A clear glass container will let you watch your savings grow. To resist the urge to spend your savings, you may want to ask an adult to hide some of the money you have saved in a safe place. If you need to save a lot of money for a long time, you can ask an adult to help you set up a savings account at a bank or credit union.

Coins and Currency

Slide 7: Make Savings a Habit. Now you are ready to start saving. Do you get an allowance or money for doing chores? If you do, make it a habit to put some of the money in your bank before you are tempted to spend it. When you get money as a gift, put this money in your bank too.

Slide 8: The trick is to save as much as you can whenever you can. Before you know it, you'll have enough saved to buy something you are dreaming about!