



9th GRADE: MONEY MATTERS PARENT GUIDE

(Use this guide to help you conduct the Money Matters Family Experience.)

Money is important to God.

The Bible talks about money more than any other subject. In fact, there are over 800 Scriptures in the Bible that address the topic of money.

We want you to understand the biblical way to manage the financial resources God gives you.

This is simply one of those life skills that you can't afford to miss. If you understand how to manage money God's way, it will help you so much as an adult.

Our goal tonight is to spend some very special time with you teaching you about God's plan for managing money. But more importantly, our goal is to open an ongoing conversation with you about this topic.

Our desire is to set you up for success in this area, and tonight is just one opportunity for us to teach you.

Once we are finished, we want to celebrate this night and remember it by giving you a special gift. Are you ready?

The first activity we will do tonight begins with you filling out this budget form. (Give them a copy of the budgeting form included in

this resource).

On this form you will give your best guess of what we spend in our household each month.

When you are done, we will give you the correct answers, and we will talk more about the power of a budget.

(Give them time to fill out the form. It will be so much better if you don't help them with the answers. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to assess just how financially aware your teenager is).

Now that you have a handle on what things cost, let's take some time to learn God's plan for managing money.

(As you walk through each of these biblical principles, feel free to share your own personal experiences and thoughts on each one with your teenager)

Here are 8 biblical principles on money that we want you to remember:

- Work Hard
- Earn Money
- Give a Tithe Back to God First
- Save Money
- Avoid Debt
- Be Generous with God's Money
- Be Content
- Do Not Let Money Become Your Master