

How to Teach Your Kids About Managing Money

When You're not Doing so Great Yourself

Carol Topp, CPA
CarolToppCPA.com

CarolToppCPA.com

Why Teach Kids About Money?

- ✓ Avoid boomerang adults
- ✓ You are raising adults, not children
- ✓ Avoid excessive debt
- ✓ Avoid bad examples
 - ✓ Society, government, you (?)

CarolToppCPA.com

How to Teach Kids About Money

- ✓ Natural style Deut 6:6-7

These commandments...talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

- ✓ Stores, Eating out

CarolToppCPA.com

How to Teach

- ✓ Get someone else
 - ✓ Sunday school
 - ✓ Scouts
 - ✓ Homeschool co-ops
- ✓ Focused Teaching
 - ✓ Family Nights
 - ✓ Book work

CarolToppCPA.com

What to Teach Kids About Money

- ✓ Preschool
 - “Mine”
 - Benign Deprivation: all of their needs; 25% of their wants
- ✓ Elementary
 - ✓ Divisions of Money
 - Give, Save, Spend
 - ✓ Vitamins (from John Rosemond)
 - “N” for “no”
 - “DG” for Delayed Gratification

CarolToppCPA.com

What to Teach

- ✓ Pre-teen
 - ✓ Allowance
 - Not always cash
 - Clothing allowances
 - ✓ Savings Account
 - Power of compound interest
 - ✓ What things cost

CarolToppCPA.com

What to Teach

- ✓ High School
 - ✓ Checking accounts
 - ✓ Budgets
 - ✓ Avoid credit card debt
 - ✓ What things cost & what jobs earn
 - ✓ Taxes
 - ✓ Our federal budget (WallStats.com)
 - ✓ Entrepreneurship

CarolToppCPA.com

Resources for Kids

- ✓ Family Times Virtue Pack & much more
www.Crown.org
- ✓ Money Matters: Family Night Tool Chest by Jim Weidmann
- ✓ Junior's Adventures and more from Dave Ramsey
- ✓ Books by John Rosemond

CarolToppCPA.com

Resources for Teenagers

- ✓ Free! Natl Endowment Financial Education (NEFE) www.hsfpp.nefe.org
- ✓ Generation Change for youth groups from www.DaveRamsey.com
- ✓ Foundations in Personal Finance for schools at DaveRamsey.com
- ✓ Micro Business For Teens books at MicroBusinessForTeens.com



CarolToppCPA.com

Action Plan:

Have a conversation today with your children about money

- ✓ Pre-school: Money is limited and why
- ✓ Elementary : Divisions of money
- ✓ Pre-teen: What things cost
- ✓ Teens: Money mistakes (your, government's, etc)

CarolToppCPA.com