

# 30 Money Questions

Ask one. See what they say. Don't correct them.

## Bedtime questions (slow, thoughtful)

1. If you could have any job in the world, what would it be? How much do you think it pays?
2. If you had a hundred dollars right now, what would you do with it?
3. If we had to pay you for being part of our family, what jobs would you want?
4. What do you think mom and dad spend the most money on each month?
5. Would you rather have \$1 today or \$5 a month from now?
6. Who do you think is the richest person you know? What makes someone rich?
7. If a friend asked to borrow \$5, would you lend it? Would they pay you back?

## Car-ride games (fast, fun)

8. Why do you think gas costs what it does today?
9. Spot two cars and tell me which one is more expensive. How can you tell?
10. If we owned this whole street, what would we charge for parking?
11. That billboard — who do you think paid for it? Why?
12. What's a job that nobody likes but everyone needs?
13. If we ran a lemonade stand here, would anyone buy lemonade? Why or why not?

## Grocery-store prompts (concrete, math-y)

14. This box of cereal is \$3, this one is \$5. Same size. Why?
15. If we had \$20 to spend, what would you buy to make the most meals?
16. Which is cheaper: 12 small yogurts or one big yogurt?
17. This banana costs 70 cents. How long do you think someone worked to grow it?
18. What's something on this shelf you don't need but really want?

19. Why do you think the candy is always at kid eye-level by the checkout?

## Money-day prompts (Friday allowance day)

20. How are you going to split this week's money? Spend, save, give?
21. What are you saving for right now? How much more do you need?
22. Is there anything you want to take out of your save jar this week? What for?
23. If you wanted to earn \$10 extra this month, what could you do?
24. What's something you bought last month that you wish you hadn't?

## Out in the world (older kids)

25. What's the difference between a store and a company that owns the store?
26. Could a kid your age start a business? What would they sell?
27. If you and your sibling went into business together, how would you split the money?
28. How does our internet / electricity / water company make money?
29. If you found \$20 on the sidewalk and nobody was around, what would you do?