



WELCOME!

The Let's Play Money printable packet is designed to inspire kids' interest in financial literacy, build money knowledge and habits, and serve as a tool to spark conversations about financial topics.

Each grade-level packet is full of skill-building games, puzzles, and other interactive activities based on financial literacy standards set forth by the National Financial Educators Council, the Washington State Financial Literacy Standards, and the National Content Standards for Entrepreneurship Education.

Learning about money fosters literacy (financial literacy is tied directly to strong reading literacy), numeracy (working with numbers), and sound practices (forming good habits, planning, and strategizing). To that end, each packet offers integrated opportunities to build reading and math skills while developing financial competencies.

According to the National Financial Educators Council, kids' financial habits are set by ages 7-9. It's never too soon to talk to kids about money, and the Let's Play Money packets are here to help you start those conversations with your kids. Now is the time!

Congratulations on taking this important step!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!

This is the December **Let's Play Money printable packet for 1st graders.**

GET STARTED

- Set up a regular schedule for Let's Play Money to build regular engagement.
- Print the Let's Play Money pages.
- Share the entire packet or offer individual pages for your kid to complete.
- Build opportunities to engage in real-life, money-oriented activities and conversations during the month.
- Go over your kid's work with them and check the answer key at the end of the packet.

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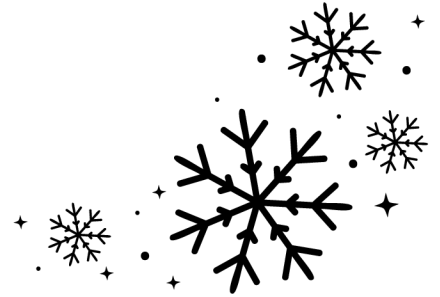
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LET'S PLAY MONEY

WINTER SOLSTICE

December is the start of winter, when the weather gets colder and snow begins to fall in some places.

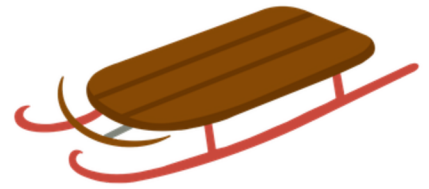


It's also a time for fun holidays like Christmas and Hanukkah! Winter officially starts on December 21st. That day is called the "winter solstice," which is the shortest day of the year.

Trace the word below and color the snowflakes.

S N O W





WINTER BREAK FUN!

Winter break is a special time when schools close for a little while, and kids get time off to relax and have fun. During winter break, many people like to spend time with their families, play in the snow, make holiday crafts, and drink hot chocolate. Some families also celebrate holidays together, like Christmas, Hanukkah, or New Year's. Winter break is a nice time to rest and enjoy fun activities.

What is an activity you would like to do during winter break?

Write the words



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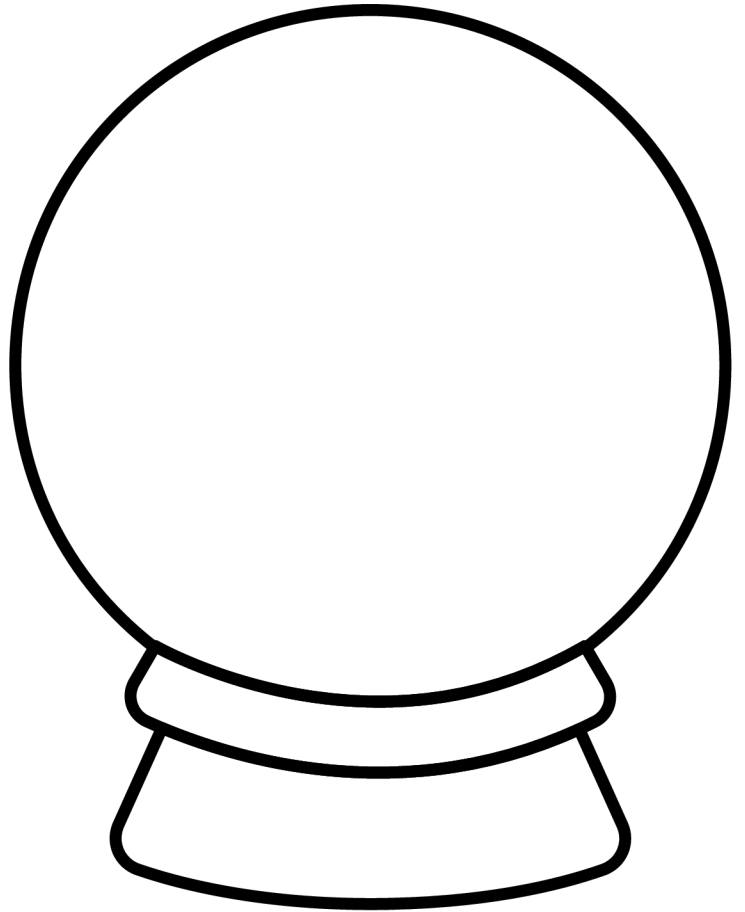
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FUN PAGE

Color



Draw your own

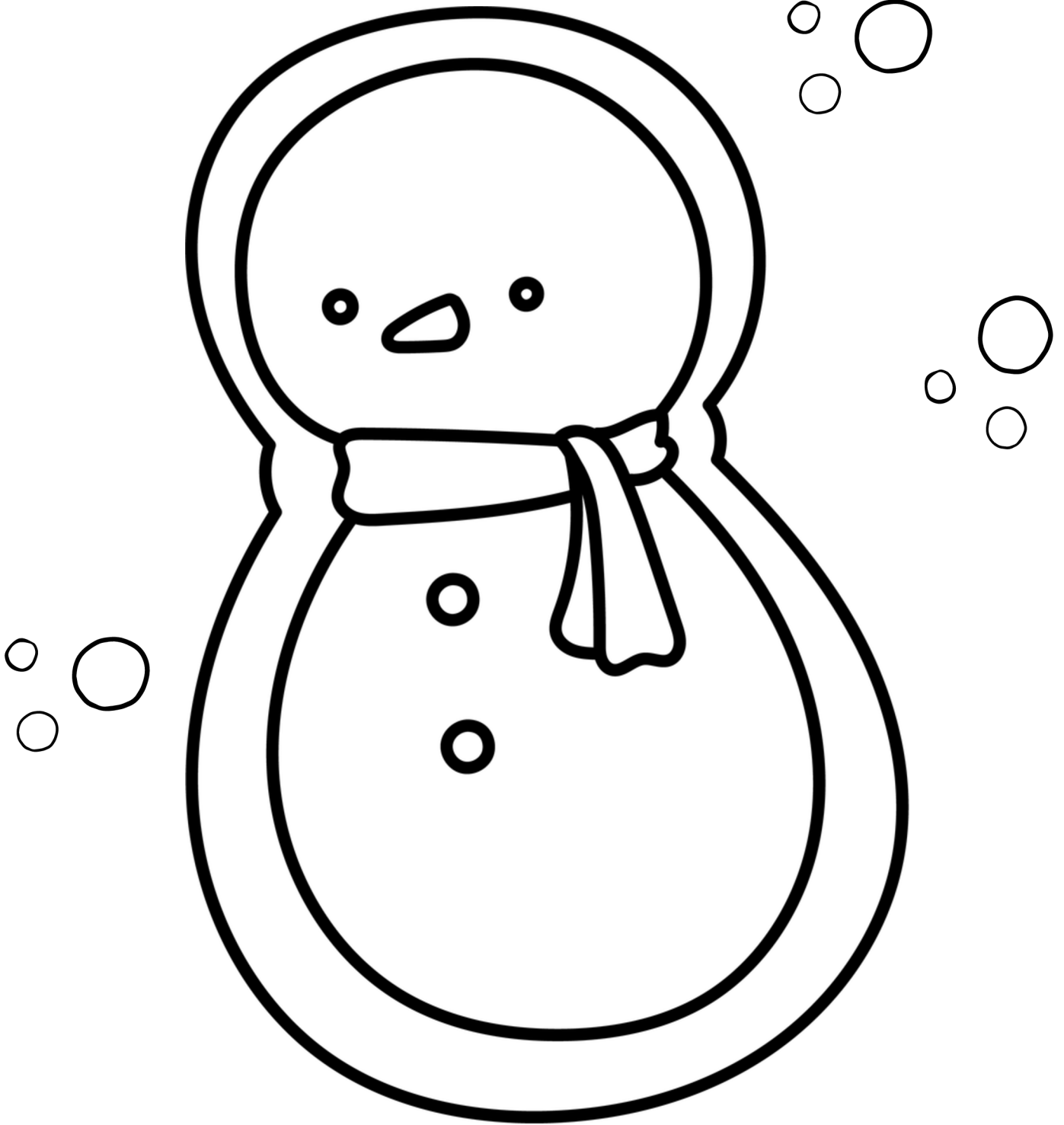


Hot cocoa is like a hug from the inside.



COLOR

Color the snowman cookie.



LIFE ACTIVITY



Helping Hands

The holidays are a lot of fun, and some of the fun requires planning and work. Kids can lend a helping hand and share in the planning and work. As helpers, kids can make the holidays easier.

Color the items and think about how you can help around the house.



Put outdoor items away



Chop vegetables



Carry things inside



Clean and polish

LIFE ACTIVITY



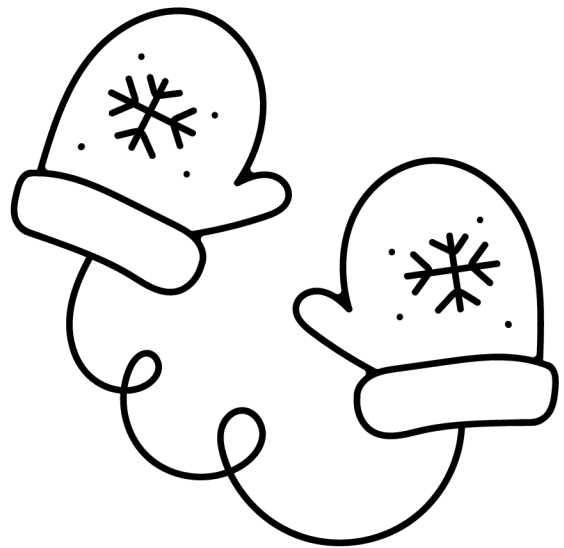
Thank You!

Saying "thank you" when we get holiday presents is important because it shows we're grateful for the gifts we receive. A thank you note lets people know we appreciate the time, thought, and kindness they put into choosing something special for us.

Color and cut out the card. Fold it in half.

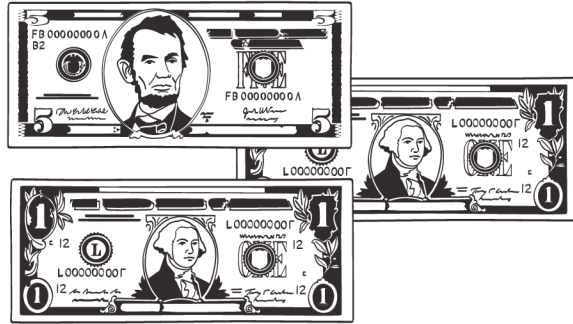
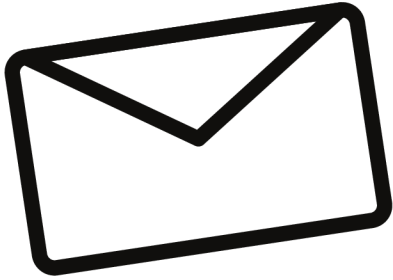
Write a note of thanks inside the card and give it to someone special.

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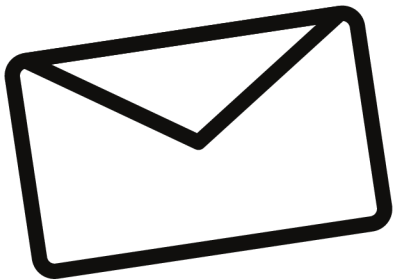


MONEY MATH

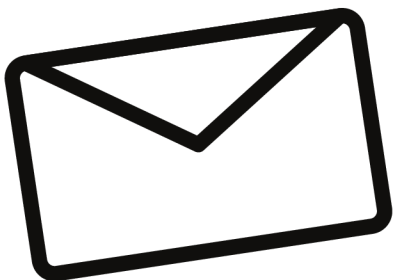
Add up the cash and write the amount that will go in each savings envelope.



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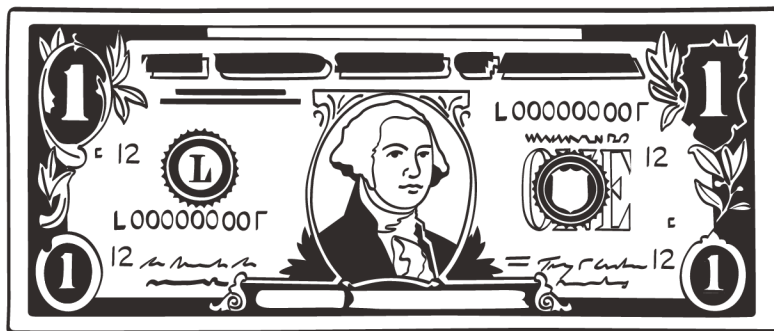
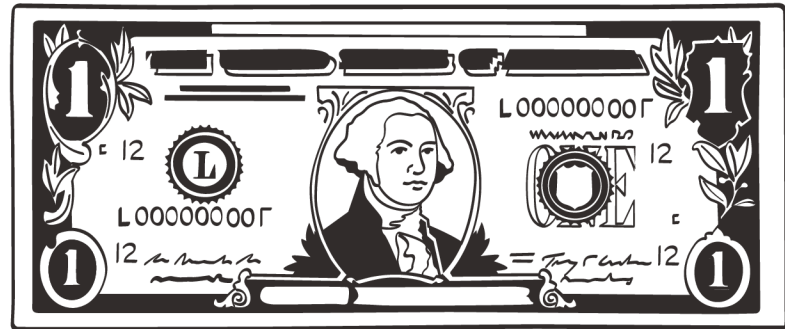
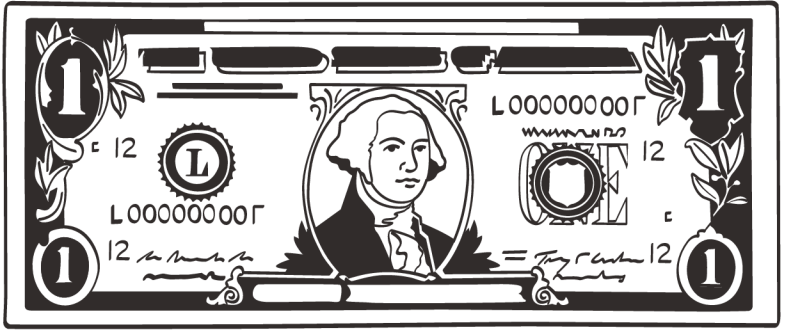
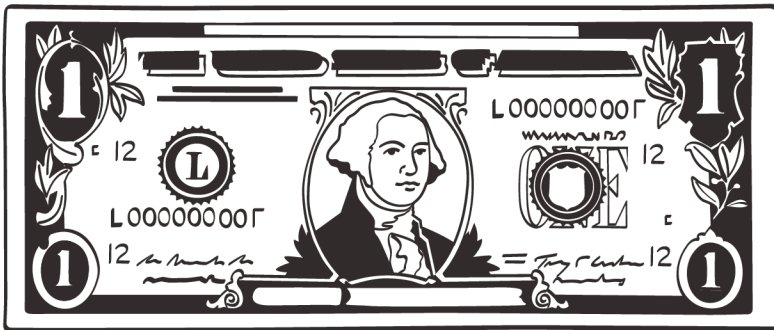
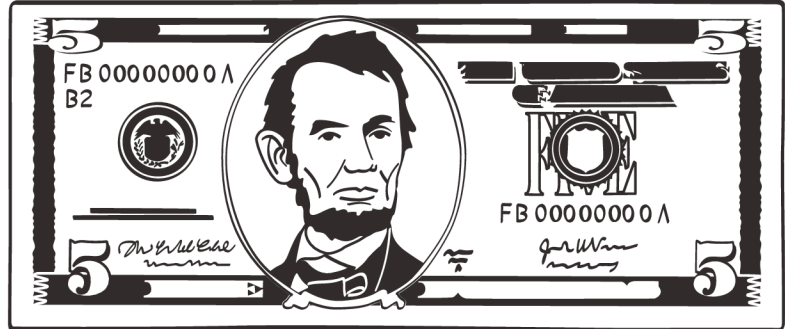
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CASH CORNER

Color and cut the cash.
Use the cash on the next page for a pretend Pop-up Shop.



POP-UP BAKERY

Start a Pop-up Bakery. Color and cut out the items on this page and sell the items in your stand. Decide how much each item costs. Make more products by printing extra pages or designing your own. Give some money to your customer to spend. (Use the cash on the previous page.) Keep some money in an envelope or cash register to give back change.

APPLE PIE





**Excerpt from
“Emma Mason Turns Paperwork Into A Profit”**

Over the holiday break, I spent most of my time at my grandparents’ house. They live on a Christmas tree farm. Grandpa grew up on the farm and his father, my great-grandfather, planted the first batch of trees when he was a young boy.



Grandpa spends the year tending the trees on the farm and the day after Thanksgiving, he opens for business. People come from all over to cut their own Christmas trees, drink hot cocoa, and have their picture taken on “The Sleigh.”

Most people think of a sleigh as the sled that Santa rides in when he flies around with his reindeer. My grandpa’s “sleigh” is a bright red truck that is over fifty years old. He polishes that truck until it shines like an apple. Then he fills the back of it with blankets, pillows, and bales of hay and lets families take pictures. He has a beautiful golden retriever that follows him everywhere he goes and loves to go for rides in the truck.

Behind the house, there is a large white barn where Grandpa stores “The Sleigh” at night. In the barn during the holiday season, my grandparents set up a hot cocoa station with marshmallows and whipped cream.

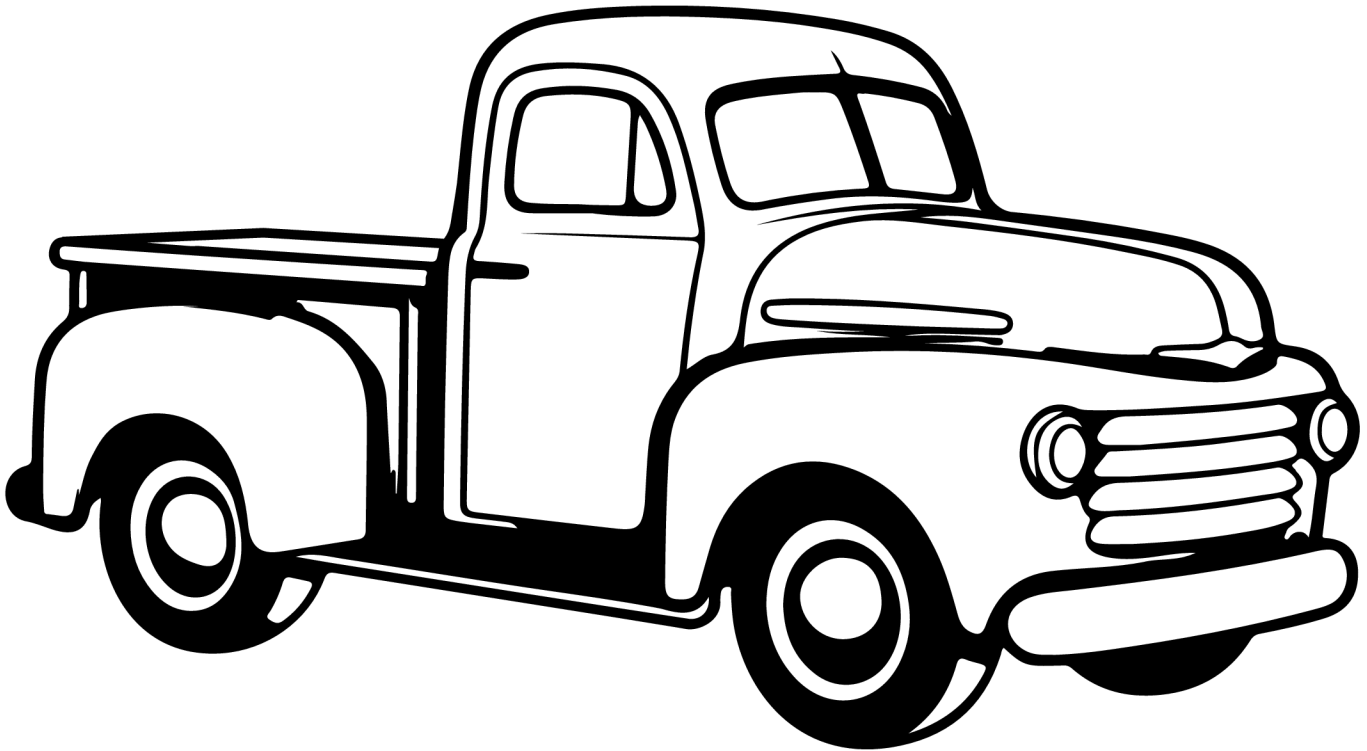




Marketing

Grandpa has a spot in the back of his big red truck where families can take pictures together. It's a fun, free activity that helps bring more people to the farm to buy trees. When families share their photos with friends, more people hear about the farm. This is a way to show people how much fun they can have there, which helps bring in more customers.

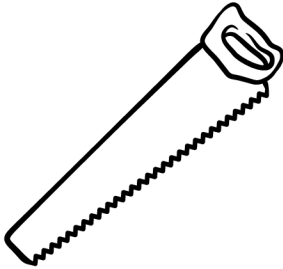
Color the truck and add lights, a wreath, presents, or any other decorations to make it fun for photos. You may even draw your family posing for a photo with the truck.



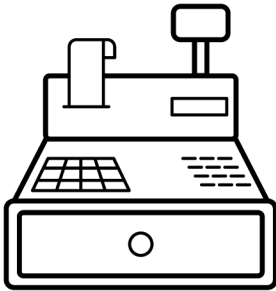


Jobs

Everyone on the farm has a job to do. Color the images and think of what job you would like to do during the holidays.



Grandpa helps customers cut down trees with a saw.



Emma helps at the cash register. Her job is to ring up sales.



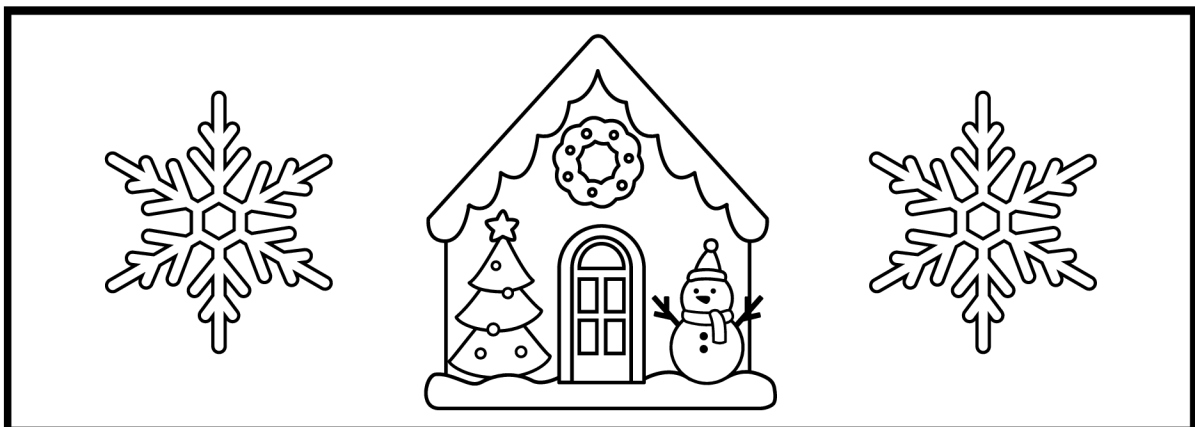
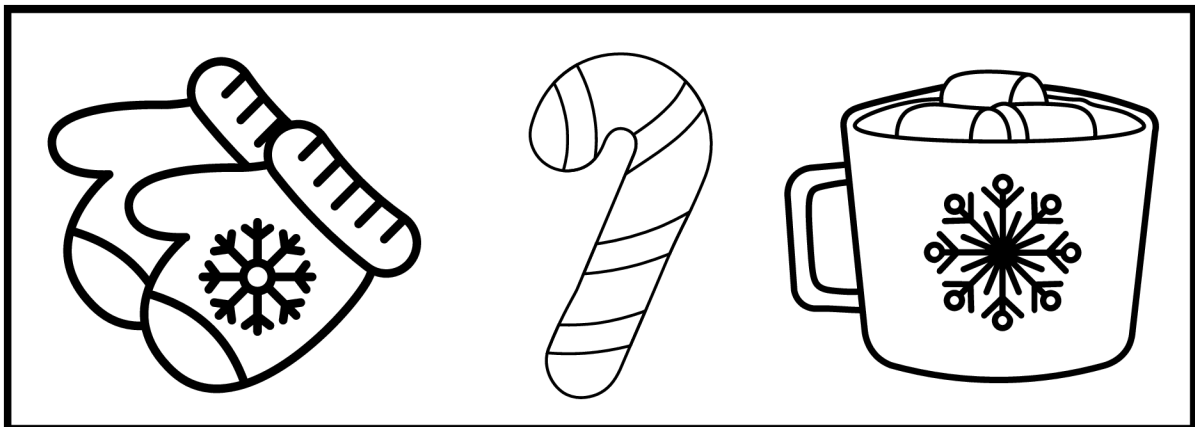
Grandma helps customers have fun. She makes the hot cocoa.



Grandpa has a dog named Penny. Her job is to greet the customers when they come to the farm.

READING TIME

Color the winter bookmarks. Cut and use them or give them as gifts.



INSTRUCTIONAL INFORMATION & ANSWER PAGE

- 3-4 Kids read the Let's Play Money newsletter (independently or with a grown-up). They trace the word "snow" on page 3 and write the word "sled" and "winter" on page 4.
- 5 Fun page: Kids color the snow globe on the left. Then, they draw and color their own snow globe on the right.
- 6 Kids color the snowman cookie.
- 7 Kids color the helping hands items. They discuss with a grownup the ways they can help around the house.
- 8 Kids color and cut out and fold the card. They use it to write a thank you note to give to someone.
- 9 \$7, \$16, \$26
- 10 Kids color and cut the cash to use on page 11.
- 11 Kids color and cut out items for a pretend pop-up bakery. They give the play cash from page 10 to friends or family members to buy items. They keep some cash to use as change.
- 12 Kids read the business story independently or with an adult.
- 13 Kids color and decorate the truck and surrounding area with seasonal colors and items.
- 14 Kids color the images and read the job descriptions.
- 15 Kids color and cut out the bookmarks. They can use them or give them as gifts.

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Financial Literacy Standards in this packet include:

(1) The WA State Financial Education Standards for Grade 1:

- Spending & Saving (ISS) 1
- Employment & Income (IEI) 1
- Financial Decision Making (IFD) 2,3,4

(2) NFEC (Grade 1):

- Financial Psychology Standards: Recognize that some needs and wants are more important than others, and that children and adults have different needs and wants.

Continue the momentum!

Help kids develop essential money management skills for life.

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