



Faith Christian School Podcast on Teaching Children Finances

Finances are something everyone who uses money needs to know about. The earlier you can learn to handle money correctly, the better off you will be financially in the future. Many of us wish we had learned to manage money at an early age and have the scars to prove it. My wife and I were pretty much clueless when we were married and struggled until we took the Financial Peace University course by Dave Ramsey. Since then, we have come together as a couple and are winning with the money God has entrusted to us. Today, we want to talk about what parents can do to help raise their children to be financially literate.

Things you can do to help teach finances to your children

1. **Teach strong work ethic.** This can be done by having him be responsible for chores around the house. Pay a commission instead of an allowance for doing these chores. If he does the chore, he gets paid; if he doesn't do the chore, he doesn't get paid. These chores will need to be age specific. These chores can begin as early as age 3 or 4.
2. **Teach them to create and live off a budget.** If you are not very good at a budget, you can go to www.DaveRamsey.com to get the forms and instructions to learn before you teach your child. The major parts of the child's budget should be saving, giving, and spending. They should save a large percentage of their money because they don't have much to spend their money on. They should be learning to tithe and give offerings. They should also be learning to plan their spending instead of learning to impulse buy. The saving and spending should go together; they save up for things they want to buy, so they learn that debt is not a way of life.
3. **Model good financial management.** Let them see you work on the budget. As they get old enough, talk to them about how much it costs for insurance, housing, food, transportation, and other household costs. Talk about how you make financial decisions and why you make some of your decisions.

Resources

- Our website is faithchristianse.com. You can also find our other podcasts on our website by clicking the Parent Resources button on the homepage.
- If you are interesting in finding out more about our school, you can also check out our website or call 843-873-8464 and ask for Cindy Feagin.
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- Teaching Finances Websites Websites
 - www.DaveRamsey.com
 - www.smartmoneysmarkkids.com/
 - www.crown.org/
 - <https://www.mint.com/ultimate-resources-for-teaching-kids-about-money>
- Books on Teaching about Finances
 - *The Total Money Makeover* by Dave Ramsey
 - *Smart Money, Smart Kids* by Rachael Cruz and Dave Ramsey
 - *The Simple Dollar: How One Man Wiped Out His Debts and Achieved the Life of His Dreams* by Trent A. Hamm
 - *Money Secrets of the Amish: Finding True Abundance in Simplicity, Sharing, and Saving* by Lorilee Craker
- Articles about Teaching about Finance
 - Teaching Kids About Money: An Age-by-Age Guide by Anna Attkisson. *Parents*.
<https://www.parents.com/parenting/money/family-finances/teaching-kids-about-money-an-age-by-age-guide/>
 - The 5 Most Important Money Lessons To Teach Your Kids by Laura Shin. *Forbes*, OCT 15, 2013.
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/laurashin/2013/10/15/the-5-most-important-money-lessons-to-teach-your-kids/#69c5bb1f6826>