

Protect what's important to us

Your child will draw a picture and answer questions based on a story about protecting ourselves and our property.

Key money concepts

- Knowing what's important to you can help you figure out how to protect it from risks.
- A risk is something that exposes us to danger, harm, or loss.
- This activity can help your child identify ways people protect themselves, their property, and their money from risks. This may include wearing a helmet when biking, going to the doctor for checkups, locking doors at home, and keeping money in a wallet or purse.

Setup

- Set aside 20–30 minutes for this activity.
- Print the frame on page 3 or use a blank sheet of paper.
- Gather crayons, colored pencils, markers, or other coloring supplies.
- Download the *Money Monsters Learn to Protect Their Things* book as a PDF at https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/cfpb_building_block_activities_money-monsters-learn-protect-their-things_story.pdf or an animated ePub at https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/cfpb_building_block_activities_money-monsters-learn-protect-things_story.epub.



To view the ePub file, you'll need a book reader app.



Things to talk about

Before reading the story

- Share information on protecting things from the “Key money concepts” section with your child.
- Explain that as they grow up, it's a good idea to learn habits they can use to protect themselves, their money, and their things from risks.

After reading the story

Ask your child:

- “How did the Money Monsters protect themselves and their things?”
- “What is something that's important to you?”
- “What are some ways we can keep it safe?”

- You also can order free copies of this story or the entire Money Monster storybook series from <https://go.usa.gov/xzxsv>. Shipping usually takes three to four weeks.

Directions

1. Read the *Money Monsters Learn to Protect Their Things* with your child.
2. After finishing the story, ask your child to draw a picture of something that's important to them.
3. Encourage your child to talk with you about the story. See the "Things to talk about" section on the previous page for suggestions.

Learn more about building your child's money skills

This activity helps develop your child's planning and self-control skills. To build these skills, they should practice things like planning ahead, remembering information, and solving problems. It also develops money habits and values. To build these skills, they should practice having a positive attitude about saving and spending. [Learn more about building your child's money skills.](#)

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We each have different things that are important to us. For many people, health, families, pets, money, and their property are important. Knowing what's important to you can help you figure out how to protect it.

What's important to me

One thing that's important to me is: _____

Draw a picture of one thing that's important to you in the frame below.

