



MIDDLE CHILDHOOD

Bingo on the go

The activity

You can use this activity to talk with your kids about the way money flows through communities, and supports community services and activities. The bingo game cards show some of the common things you and your children might see in your community, or when you travel to other areas. You can talk with your children about what you see, where the money comes from to pay for them, and how important or valuable they are.

Set up

Print a bingo card for each player. Each player will also need a pencil, crayon, or pen. Or, place a printed bingo card in a zippered storage bag or in a page protector, and use dry erase markers to play.

What to do

Have kids look for and check or mark off the places, services, and objects on their bingo card as they see them. The first person to cover five squares in a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal row wins.

Things to talk about

When you look around in a community, notice the role that money plays to support the places, services, and things you use.

Many buildings and services in our communities are paid for with public funds. Public funding usually means money the government collects to pay for goods and services. Other buildings or services are paid for with money from private organizations—that is, companies or individuals using their own money. Others are paid for by nonprofit organizations like foundations or charities. Often there is a combination of money from different sources.

Talk about the kinds of places, services, and objects that use public funding. Consider how the community benefits from sharing these. If it's not clear where the funding comes from, brainstorm for ways you could find the information. You might ask at the local library, at the town hall or government center, or the organization's website or toll-free phone number.

Discuss with your child why sometimes it might make sense to use money from a combination of different sources. For example, a hospital might be paid for by a corporation but also provide publicly funded services like Medicare. Or, a playground might use public funds but also take donations from individuals to keep it well maintained or purchase new equipment.

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 Fire truck	 Park	 Hospital	 Playground	 Public bus
 Road	 Historic site	 Fire hydrant	 Police car	 Library
 Rest area	 Fire department	 Free space	 University	 Airplane
 Police officer	 School	 Bridge	 Ambulance	 Road work
 Railroad tracks	 Road sign	 Police station	 Fire fighter	 Power line









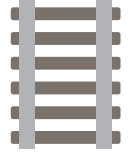



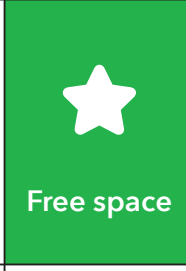



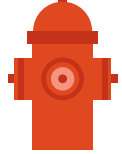




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 Road work	 Public bus	 Restaurant	 Bridge	 Fire department
 Police car	 Park	 Fire truck	 Airplane	 Rest area
 Fire hydrant	 Historic site	 Free space	 Hospital	 University
 School	 Ambulance	 Railroad tracks	 Police officer	 Power line
 Playground	 Fire fighter	 Library	 Road sign	 Police station

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 Police officer	 Road	 Hospital	 Playground	 Fire hydrant
 Restaurant	 Fire department	 Historic site	 Railroad tracks	 Police station
 Ambulance	 Power line	 Free space	 University	 Tunnel
 Fire truck	 Library	 Airplane	 Rest area	 Public bus
 Road sign	 Police car	 School	 Fire fighter	 Park

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