

Stewardship Sabbath — April 2020

Children's Story/Activity

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Fake Money & Real Money

Preparation: Bring some samples of play dollar bills and real dollar bills. The money used in Monopoly would work well.

Show the children an example of play money and an example of real money.

Ask "Which of these is the real money?" Hold up the real money "This is the real money. How do we know which is the real money?"

Wait for the children to answer.

Say "This play money doesn't have the same pictures as the real money. This play money doesn't have the same color paper as the real money. This play money doesn't **look** like real money."

"This play money is fake. Another word for fake is counterfeit. When something is counterfeit it is made to look, feel, and act like the real thing but when you look closely, when you inspect it, you realize it is fake. You realize it is counterfeit."

"We know which of these is the real money because we've seen real money. We know what real money looks like. We know what real money feels like. We know what color real money is. We know what shape real money is. We know the details about real money. We know which is real and which is fake because we **know** a lot about the real money.

"The more time we spend with the real money the better able we are to recognize which is the fake money."

"The Bible tells us in John 17:3 'Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.'"

"When we learn about God from the Bible we are getting to know the true God, the real God. We learn about God through His promises in the Bible, and we are able to spot promises that are fake and don't come from God."

"God wants to be our friend. Let us be FRIENDS with God and get to KNOW HIM better every day!"