# Max Learns About Money Slideshow Notes for Presenter



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Max Learns About Money is part of the Northwest Youth Financial Education "Money Skills for Life" Program. This program is a partnership between the University of Idaho Extension and Northwest Farm Credit Services.

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The following notes are suggestions for how to better utilize *Max Learns About Money*.

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# What is money?

What do you like to do with money?

Who in your family uses money?

What do you think Max is going to do with his money?

\*Explain that money in Max's world doesn't have the same value as realworld money.

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Do you think Max has a lot of money?

What jobs do your parents have to earn money?

Why do you think Max has to have a job and earn money?

Why do your parents have a job?

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What is a savings jar?

Do you have a piggy bank or a savings jar?

Why do you put money in your piggy bank or savings jar?

Do your parents have a savings jar or piggy bank?

\*This is a great opportunity to talk about Financial Institutions like banks and credit unions where adults save money.



Do you think it is important for Max to pay for his house?

What do you think would happen if Max didn't pay for his house?

\*Talk with the children about how much of Max's money (as well as their parents' earnings) goes to housing.

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What do you think would happen if Max didn't pay his utilities?

\*Point out the utilities that are in the room and let them know it costs money to keep warm in the winter and cool in the summer.



\*Talk about how Max designates this amount of money to spend on food each shopping trip, and doesn't spend more.

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\*This is the part of the story where you can encourage the children to let Max spend all of his money on the toy-which is a "want!" After he lets the "want" take control and he has no money, then you can teach kids about the dangers of buying things that aren't needed!

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Do you think Max is happy?

Do you think Max has more things he needs to pay for?

How is he going to get more money? (This is a good time to explain that people only get paid at certain times and they have to work more to get paid again.)



What is Max going to do?

What is going to happen to Max's truck if he doesn't make the payment?

How would Max get to work if he doesn't have his truck?

If Max doesn't go to work what do you think his boss, the farmer, is going to do?

What would happen if Max lost his job?

What did Max do with all of his money?

What thing did Max buy that he shouldn't have?

Do you have money to help Max pay for his truck?

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If the children choose this first and don't spend all the money on the toy, reinforce that as a good decision.

If this is not the kid's first choice and they got here the hard way, talk about the importance of not allowing impulse buying to get you into trouble with your money.

What is that on the floor by the table? It is a bunch of toys! Did Max really need to buy a new toy? Does Max already have plenty of toys to play with?



What would happen if Max's car broke down and he didn't have any money to fix it?

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What would Max have done if he didn't have any money for clothes?

What kind of clothes did Max buy? \*Talk about how Max only buys what he truly needs for work and everyday. He doesn't waste money on clothes he likes but doesn't need!

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Who in your family has a cell phone?

How much do you think cell phones cost?

What would Max do if he broke his cell phone and needed a new one?

How would he pay for it? \*Talk about the money he put in the savings jar and how that money can be used for emergencies.

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Does Max look like he is having fun?

What things do you do with your family for fun?

How much do those things cost?

\*Share that it is very important for Max to spend some of his money to have fun because he works hard. He also plans ahead for the amount he will use. He has a lot of things he needs to pay for so he can't spend too much on fun because that would cause him money troubles!

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Do you think Max looks happy? \*Talk about how he is happy because he has been responsible with his money. He has put some money in his savings jar, paid his bills, bought food and clothes, paid to use his cell phone, had a little fun!

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Do you think you would be happy if you were Max right now and made the choices he did? \*If a person is responsible with their money it makes them happy, and they feel safe and secure!

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