

Teacher Guide: Earning Extra Money (50 Minutes)

Objective

Students will understand practical ways they can earn extra money, the importance of responsibility, and how to think creatively about opportunities in their own lives.

Lesson Outline

Introduction (5 minutes)

Hook Question: 'If you had \$20 more each week, what would you do with it?'

Discuss how earning extra money can help with goals (saving, buying something special, helping others).

Brainstorming Activity: Ways Kids Can Earn Money (10 minutes)

Divide students into small groups of 3–4.

Give each group chart paper or a whiteboard section.

Prompt: 'List as many safe, realistic ways middle school students could earn extra money.'

After 5 minutes, groups share their top 3 ideas. Write these on the board to build a class list.

Mini-Lesson: Responsibility & Safety (10 minutes)

Explain importance of reliability, honesty, and safety rules.

Discussion prompt: 'Which of these jobs need parent permission? Why?'

Case Study Role-Play (10 minutes)

Scenario: 'Jordan wants to make money walking dogs. He has a neighbor with two big dogs, but he's never done it before. What should he do to prepare? What should he charge?'

Students discuss in pairs, then share solutions.

Personal Planning Activity (10 minutes)

Students complete a worksheet:

- One way I could earn extra money is...
- The supplies/skills I would need are...
- The safety steps I should follow are...
- How much could I realistically earn each week?

Wrap-Up & Reflection (5 minutes)

Students share one money-earning idea.

Exit Ticket: 'What's one skill you already have that could help you earn money?'

Materials Needed

- Whiteboard or chart paper
- Markers
- Planning worksheets
- Timer