

Celebrate Youth

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I "WANT" THAT TOY, WHY CAN'T I HAVE IT?

Have you ever asked your parents or grandparents for a toy or game and they said "no?"

There may be a few different reasons "no" was their answer. Maybe they felt you didn't "need" another game or toy because you already have a bunch. Maybe you had a birthday coming up and could wait to ask for it then. Or maybe they didn't have the extra money to pay for it at the time and said you needed to wait until your next trip to the store.

Did you know your parents/caregivers work to earn a certain amount of money each week? Yep! And with that money they earn, they have to take care of paying for the things your family "needs" before they can pay for the things you "want."

What's the difference? "Needs" are the things your family needs to survive or live every day. They include food, a house or place to live, heat, electricity, transportation like a car to drive, and more. **"Wants" are things you can live without,** like toys, games, and candy, even though they are nice and fun to have sometimes. Both "needs" and "wants" require money to pay for them, so it may take a little patience and money saving to get some of the things you "want"—and that's OK.

Talk to your parents/caregivers about "needs" and "wants" in your house and list yours below. We bet you'll find there are things they "want" and have to be patient to get, too!

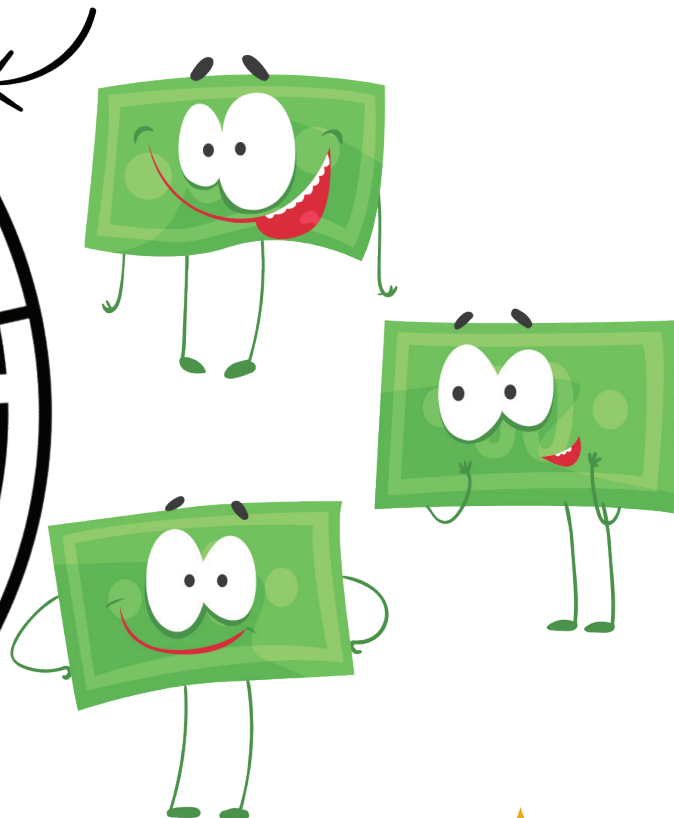
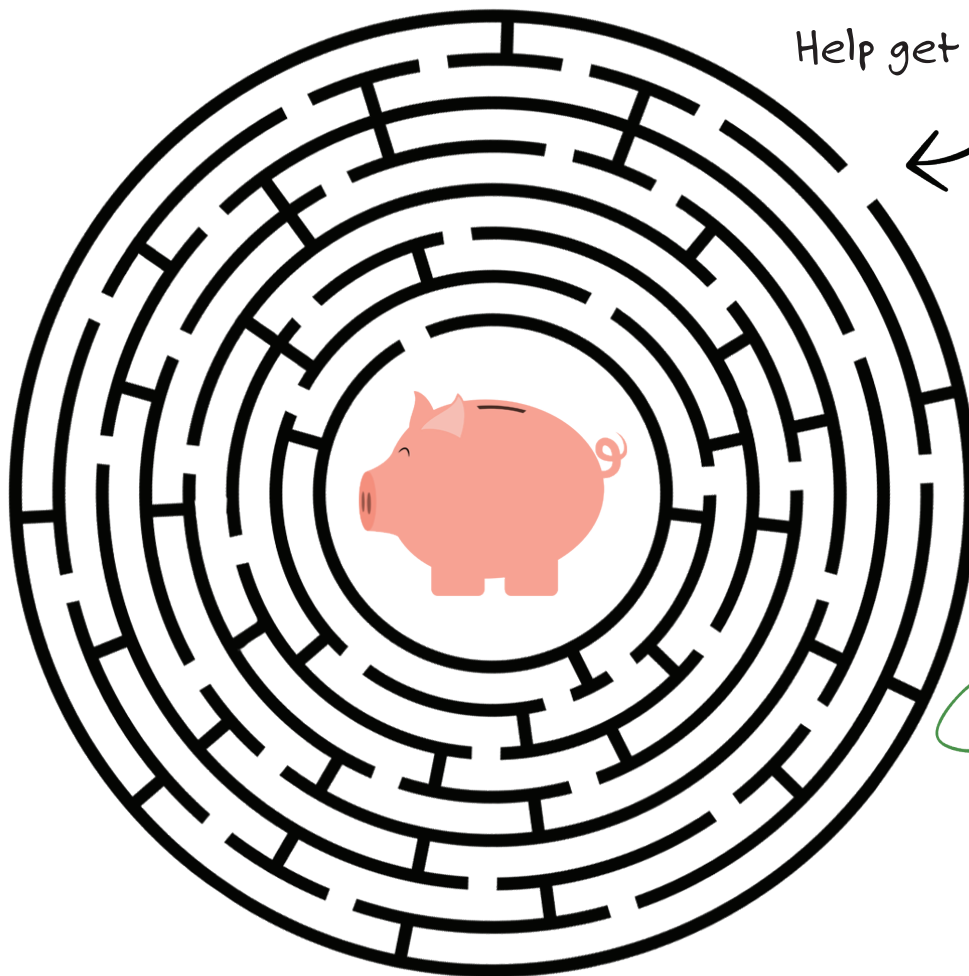
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