

Explore careers with Money Monsters

Your child will use paper puppets to act out a story and think about careers they might enjoy.

Key money concepts

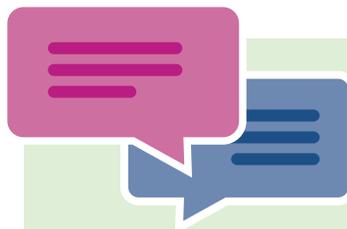
- People in our lives may have different careers. Children may know about some careers, like being a teacher, a construction worker, or a nurse. But they may not know about some other careers that people can have.
- This activity can help children think about the things they like to do and which careers they may enjoy in the future.

Setup

- Set aside 20–30 minutes for this activity.
- Gather scissors, and crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
- Print a single-sided copy of the puppets at the end of this guide.
- Download the *Money Monsters Learn About Careers* book as a PDF at https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/cfpb_building_block_activities_money-monsters-learn-about-careers_story.pdf or an animated ePub at https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/cfpb_building_block_money-monsters-learn-save_story.epub.



To view the ePub file, you'll need a book reader app.



Things to talk about

Before starting the activity

- Ask your child whether they've thought about what they'd like to be when they grow up.

After completing the activity

- Some questions you can ask are:
 - "What are some things Foozil liked to do? What careers did she find that were connected to things she liked to do?"
 - "What are some things Gibbins liked to do? What careers did he find that were connected to things he liked to do?"
 - "What are some things you like to do? What careers are connected to things you like to do?"
- Consider visiting your public library to find books about the careers that may interest your child.

- You also can order free copies of this story or the entire Money Monster storybook series from <https://go.usa.gov/xzxsxv>. Shipping usually takes three to four weeks.

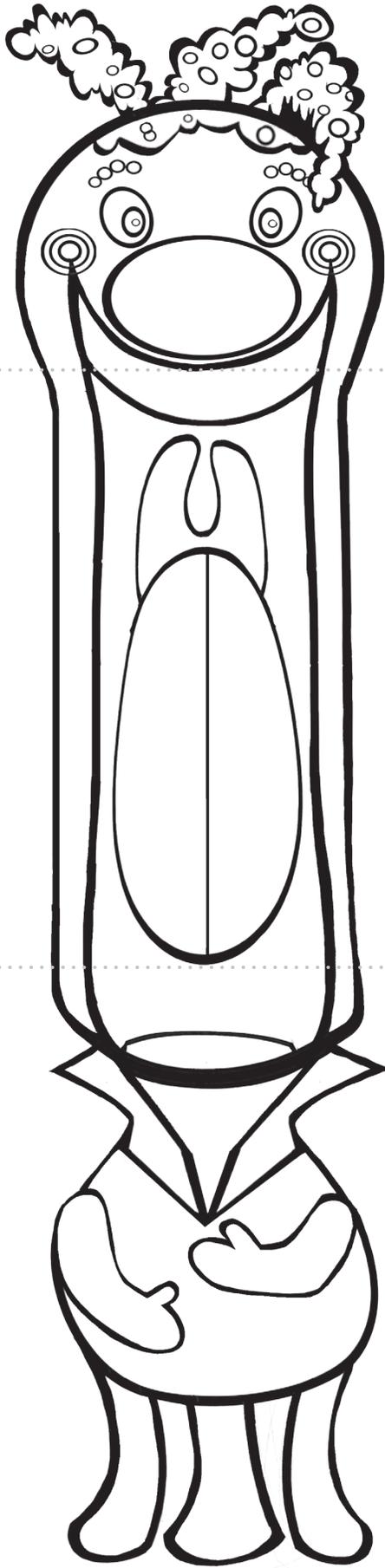
Directions

1. Read the *Money Monsters Learn About Careers* book with your child.
2. After you finish the story, ask your child to color the puppets.
3. When your child is finished coloring, cut the puppets out and work with your child to fold them.
 - First, fold the puppet backward along the top dotted line and make a crease.
 - Then, fold the puppet backward along the bottom dotted line and make a crease.
 - Bring the creases together.
 - Hold the puppet from behind to open and close its mouth.
4. With your child, use the puppets to act out a story about things they like to do and possible careers. This will help your child understand and remember key concepts from the story.
5. After reading and acting out the story, encourage your child to talk with you about the story. See the “Things to talk about” section on the previous page for suggestions.

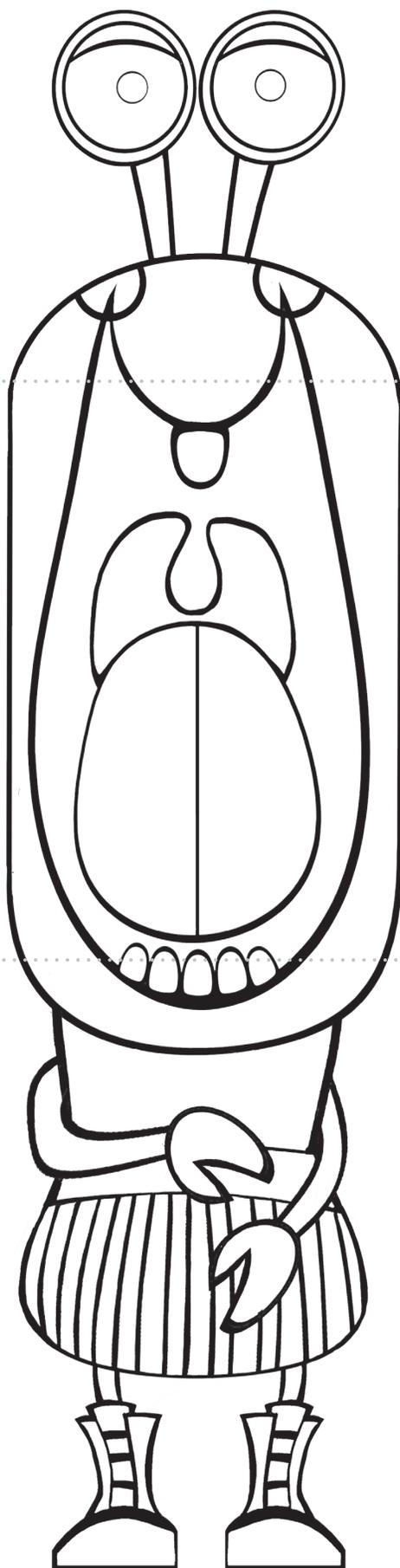
Learn more about building your child’s money skills

This activity helps develop your child’s planning and self-control skills. To build these skills, they should practice things like planning ahead, remembering information, and solving problems. It also develops money habits and values. To build these skills, they should practice having a positive attitude about saving and spending. [Learn more about building your child’s money skills.](#)

Foosil



Gibbins



Oodle

