




# Why Budget?

## *Make Your Allowance Work For You*

 When you make a budget and stick to it, you are less likely to squander your money on impulse purchases and can spend it instead on the things that you really want.

 When you know exactly how much cash you have to work with each month, you can make decisions based on your long-term goals.

 It builds a foundation for good money management as you enter adulthood.

## *How to Make A Budget*

- 1) Add up your monthly allowance and other **income**, like gifts or money from a job.
- 2) Separately, add up your monthly **expenses**. An expense is money that you spend on something.
- 3) Then, subtract your expenses from your income.

*Use the worksheet on page 2 to track your budget.*

### **Look at your final number. Is it positive or negative?**

If it's positive, that means you have extra money left over that you can put towards a savings goal like a car, new iPod, or a trip!

If this number is negative, you may need to rethink a few of your expenses. Are you spending too much money on something?

If you simply can't lower any of your expenses, then think about ways that you could make more money. You could mow lawns, take care of your neighbor's pets, or start your own business!

# Budget Planner

I'm saving for: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount I need: \_\_\_\_\_

When I need it: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$** I HAVE TO START: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPOSITS

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BALANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## WITHDRAWALS / EXPENSES

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