

Follow That Dollar



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The Dollar

A **dollar** may seem like just a piece of paper. But it stands for something bigger.

Dollars are important. They are the heart of the American **economy**. The economy is built on dollars earned, paid, saved, and spent.

Each person who lives in the country is part of the economy. People who visit the country are part of it too.

It can be fun to think about the path a dollar follows. Each dollar has a story to tell. Following its path can teach about the economy.





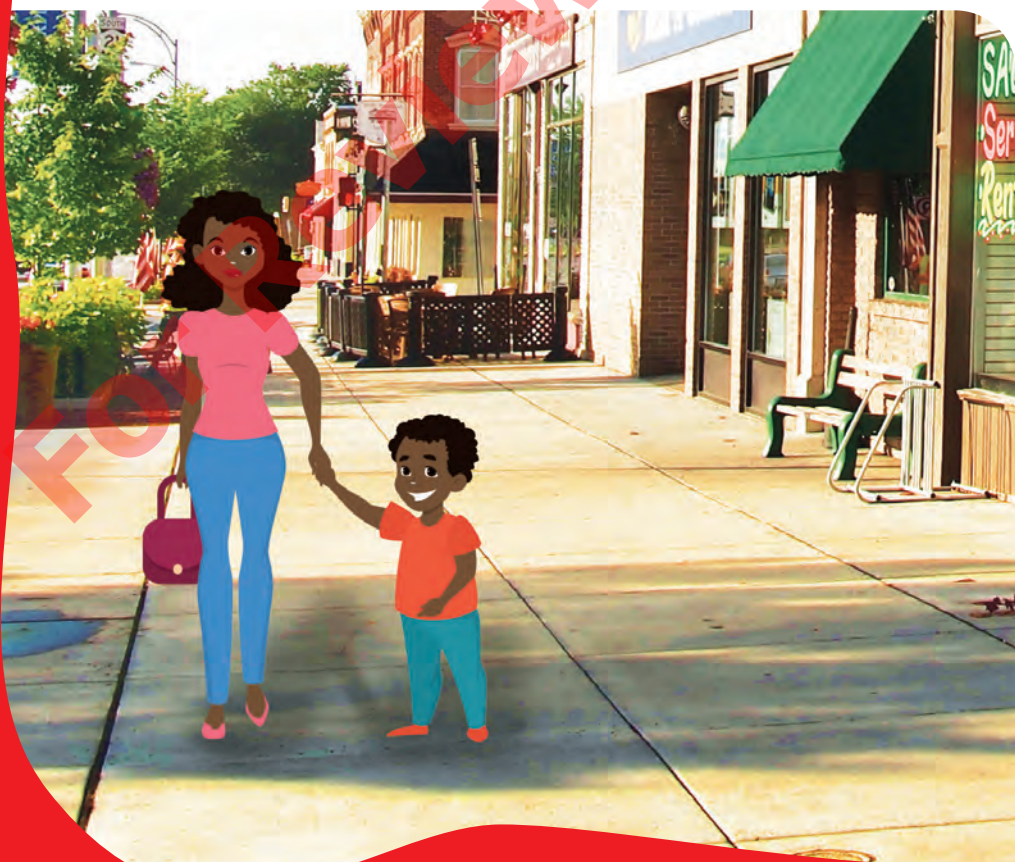
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The Money Tree

"Money doesn't grow on trees," Mom said when I asked her for a dollar to buy a candy bar. But then I asked her if I could spend a dollar I had earned to buy the candy. She said I could. I paid my dollar to the clerk in the store.





Just then, I remembered that it was my teacher's birthday the next day. I decided to give her the candy bar. She smiled so big and said, "You made my day!" I'm pretty sure she meant it!



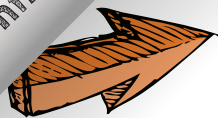
A week later, my teacher brought cupcakes for the entire class! She used her dollars to buy them. She said that my gift inspired her, and she wanted to treat us all to a tasty surprise. The cupcakes were delicious. They were strawberry, my favorite.



Mom is right that money does not
grow on trees. But I think the dollar
I spent grew cupcakes!



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Follow That Dollar

Every dollar has a story to tell. It travels from person to person or place to place. It is used to buy, save, or share as it travels. It does this again and again and again. Where is it going next?

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