This mark will be given to you later.

Business

Welcome to what matters, kids! You're in for the learning time of your lives! We've got superheros, slides, golden eggs, and treasure maps! We've got puzzles, jokes, trivia, and challenges.

WAIT! Before you turn the page, you need to know a few things about money—such as what it is. Any ideas? Naw, it's not just pieces of paper or little bits of metal. If it's just paper, why won't the corner store take any bit of paper you hand over in exchange for candy? What's so special about the particular paper and metal we call money?

We all know what money is and what it isn't. The government, banks, store owners, and everyone in the country agree that particular papers and certain bits of metal have special value. Money, standard pieces of metal and paper stamped by the government, is used as a medium of exchange—we exchange the money for something of equal value, such as candy.



Say you deliver newspapers and want candy. The corner store has candy but doesn't need newspapers delivered. You need something the store wants to exchange for candy. Money! The store owner tells you how much the candy is worth. You take your pay for delivering newspapers and exchange it for the candy.

One more thing. You'll find that learning about money isn't just about paper and metal and how we use it. Nope. It's about our attitudes toward money, what we do with it and why, whether we let it control our lives, and how well we manage it. It's about recognizing it all belongs to God. He's loaned it to us to use for His glory.

Money can be a monster! Give it a little control—it wants it all. Get a little—it tries to make you want more. You think more money will make you happy, so you work hard and get more. But you're still unhappy—you have to have MORE! It can be a dangerous beast. You have to teach it who's boss. That's exactly what this book will teach you. Ready? OK, turn the page and hang on for the adventure!

