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MODULE 6 • LESSON 33 OF 40

Managing Money as a Couple or Family

Focus Keyword: family money management

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LESSON PURPOSE

Learn how couples and families can communicate openly about money, create shared financial goals, manage household finances together, and build long-term financial stability through teamwork.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

Money is one of the most common causes of stress in relationships. However, families that communicate honestly about finances, plan together, and make joint financial decisions are often better prepared for life's challenges. Whether you are married, planning a family, or sharing financial responsibilities with others, good money management strengthens relationships and improves financial well-being.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

☐ I understand that money affects relationships.

☐ I am willing to discuss finances openly.

☐ I want to build shared financial goals.

☐ I will complete every activity honestly.

MONEY TIP OF THE LESSON

"Strong families are built on trust, communication, and shared financial responsibility."

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL BEFORE THIS LESSON

1 2 3 4 5

Not Confident • Neutral • Very Confident

MY GOAL FOR THIS LESSON

What financial goal would you most like to achieve together with your spouse, partner, or family?

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ACTIVITY 1

Our Shared Financial Goals

Discuss and list financial goals that are important to your household.

Shared Goal	Priority	Target Date
Emergency Fund	High ☐ Medium ☐ Low ☐	
Home Ownership	High ☐ Medium ☐ Low ☐	
Children's Education	High ☐ Medium ☐ Low ☐	
Family Vacation	High ☐ Medium ☐ Low ☐	
Retirement	High ☐ Medium ☐ Low ☐	
Other	High ☐ Medium ☐ Low ☐	

ACTIVITY 2

Family Financial Communication Self-Assessment

Statement	Good	Needs Improvement	Not Yet
We discuss money openly.	☐	☐	☐
We make financial decisions together.	☐	☐	☐
We follow a shared budget.	☐	☐	☐
We save for common goals.	☐	☐	☐
We review our finances regularly.	☐	☐	☐

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

1. Why is communication important when managing family finances?

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2. What are shared financial goals?

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3. Why should families prepare a household budget?

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4. How can regular financial meetings improve family finances?

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5. Name three financial goals many families work toward.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Hold a **30-minute family money meeting** this week.

Discuss:

- Household income

- Monthly expenses
- Savings goals
- One financial improvement everyone agrees to make

Write down the outcome.

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PRACTICAL WORKSHEET – OUR FAMILY FINANCIAL PLAN

A. OUR MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Income Source	Monthly Amount
Salary/Wages	
Business Income	
Freelancing	
Investments	
Other Income	

B. OUR SHARED MONTHLY EXPENSES

Expense	Monthly Amount
Housing	
Food	
Utilities	
Transport	

Expense	Monthly Amount
Education	
Healthcare	
Savings	
Other	

C. OUR FAMILY ACTION PLAN

Goal	First Action	Target Date
Build emergency fund		
Reduce unnecessary spending		
Increase family savings		
Pay off debt		

D. REFLECTION

What is one financial habit your family can improve together, and how will it strengthen your financial future?

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KEY TAKEAWAYS – WHAT I LEARNED TODAY

1. The most important family financial goal is:

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2. One communication habit we will improve is:

3. One financial decision we will make together is:

4. The biggest lesson I learned today is:

MY 7-DAY FAMILY MONEY ACTION PLAN

Day 1: Schedule a family financial discussion.

Day 2: Review household income and expenses.

Day 3: Agree on one shared financial goal.

Day 4: Update the family budget.

Day 5: Identify one expense to reduce.

Day 6: Add money to family savings.

Day 7: Review progress and celebrate one success together.

LESSON COMPLETION CHECKLIST

☐ I completed all activities.

☐ I completed the Family Financial Plan.

☐ I identified shared financial goals.

☐ I improved communication about money.

☐ I am ready for Lesson 34.

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL AFTER THIS LESSON

1 2 3 4 5

Not Confident • Neutral • Very Confident

NEXT LESSON PREVIEW

Lesson 34 – Teaching Children About Money

Learn practical ways to teach children healthy money habits, encourage saving and responsible spending, and prepare them for lifelong financial success.

MY COMMITMENT

I commit to communicating openly about money, working together toward shared financial goals, making responsible financial decisions as a family, and building a secure financial future through trust, teamwork, and consistent planning.

Signature: ____________________________

Date: _________________________________