

I AM A PHILANTHROPIST

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a philanthropist is 'one who makes an active effort to promote humane welfare'.

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

Recommended Ages: Grades K – 8

Estimated Time: 30 – 60 minutes

Stuff you'll need: Paper, pencil, old magazines, plain paper, and play money

Caregivers should consider: There is always risk when youth use the internet. Some parents/guardians may choose to review house rules of internet use or sit down with their girl to complete the activity together.

THE FUN PART

1. Think about what is going on in the world right now. What are people in need of? What is a necessity for life? What is the difference between a need and a want? You may want a new toy but would purchasing food be more important in your house?
 - **For younger girls, create a Want Versus Need Chart.**
 - ▶ Use any old magazines or advertisement flyers
 - ▶ On a plain piece of paper draw a line down the center and label one side as a 'want' and the other side as a 'need'. Ask your girl to cut out items that fit each category.
 - ▶ Discuss with your girl about what they have chosen.
 - ▶ Adults can get involved as well!
 - **For older girls, create a Household Budget Chart**
 - ▶ Use the mock household budget as a guide for expenses.
 - ▶ Use play money to give girls an income of \$1000.00. Ask them to pay each expense, subtracting each line item expense from their income as they go through the list.
 - ▶ How much money did they have left after they paid all their bills? Did they have enough to cover their expenses or did they have to adjust for wanted items? Create a new budget and see what happens again.
 - ▶ Take it a step further and start tracking your spending. What have you learned about your spending? How could you create a budget that focuses on your values?

BADGE OR JOURNEY STEPS COMPLETED

Daisy Making Choices Step 1 & 3
Brownie Philanthropist Steps 1, 2, 3, & 4
Cadette Budgeting Step 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5



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- Brainstorm ideas on how you can help those in need and make a list. Could you set up a table in your yard and encourage people to donate extra household items for those in need? Could you make cards to send to those who are in a nursing home and aren't able to see their family right now? Could you help mow the lawn for your neighbors? Create positive chalk messages on the sidewalk? The ideas are endless. If you need more ideas check out GSGI's Pinterest page.
- Investigate how you can help people who are food insecure. Research local food pantries to find out what they need. How could you help? Could you create a virtual food pantry drive? Provide resources for those who can give?

Way to go! You did it! Share on social media with your caregiver's permission. Use the hashtag #GSGIDIY

MOCK HOUSEHOLD BUDGET

Below is an example of a budget and a blank chart to make your own. Get creative and create your own or adjust if you would like.

ITEMS	BUDGET
INCOME	
	\$1,000
EXPENSES	
Rent	\$500
Savings	\$75
Utilities (water, heat, garbage)	\$100
Groceries	\$75
Gas	\$30
Car Payment	\$150
Streaming Subscriptions	\$30
Smartphone	\$75
Clothes	\$50
Dining Out and Entertainment	\$50
Other	
Other	
TOTAL EXPENSES	

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