

## Family Money Constitution

Print two copies of this survey – one for you and one for your spouse. Each of you should read it separately, write down the messages you personally want to send to your child, and those that you think you are sending through your words, actions, or both. Be honest now!

When both of you are through, compare your answers. Discuss any differences you and your spouse may have. Use those answers to create consensus on your family's financial values and develop your Family Money Constitution. (Sample included)

- 1 What is it about money that is important to you?  
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- 2 What goals do you want to achieve as a family?  
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- 3 What are your family's priorities and values?  
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- 4 What are some financial issues that you don't agree on as a couple? As a family?  
As an extended family?  
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- 5 If we were sitting here five years from today, what has to have happened over that period for you to feel like you have made good progress?  
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- 6 If someone were to write an article about your family in 50 years, what would you want it to say?  
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- 7 What concerns you most when it comes to your children and money?  
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- 8 What one thing do you know now that you wish you had learned long ago?  
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- 9 How does your family discuss financial issues?  
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# Our Family's Money Constitution

We as a family dedicate ourselves to the following goals:

To always respect and take care of each other and ourselves.

To pursue our interests with dedication and passion.

To recognize that anything worth doing takes hard work.

To learn as much as we can about the world and exercise our rights and responsibilities as citizens.

To share what we learn at school and at our jobs and always be active learners.

To work together to solve our problems and bridge our differences, while understanding that sometimes compromises are necessary.

To understand that money is an important commodity, not just to be spent, but also to be saved for future needs.

To share our good fortune with others who have less than we do.



Signed Nancy Sample

Richard Sample

**Bobby Sample**

**Jessica Sample**

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