More Hands-on Money Activities

Simple activities you can do at home with a pocket, or piggy bank, full of change and a few additional items.

Board games you may have at home that teach money skills:

- Monopoly
- Pay Day
- Game of Life



Coin Toss

Set up a hula hoop, bucket, or box for players to toss coins into. Create a tossing line. Players will need to stand behind this line while trying to gently toss coins onto the hula hoop. Collect all the coins that made it into the hula hoop. Help player count the coins to determine how much money landed in the hula hoop. As an extension you could think of different items that you could buy with that amount of money.

Store:

Using toys, food from the cupboard, mud pies, etc. design and set up a store. Label the items for sale with price tags. Keep the amounts simple. Avoid using decimals, as this is not a concept that is typically taught at this age. Take turns playing the shopper and the store clerk. The great this about this game is that you can keep it interesting by setting up different types of stores. For example:

- You could use stuffed animals to set up a pet store.
- You could set up a toy store.
- Around lunch time, you could set up a cafe and imagine you are eating at a restaurant.
- You could take the game outside and use things found in nature.