

Activity 2

7 Cents a Day



Hunger could be cut in half in the United States and worldwide by 2015 for seven cents per American per day. <www.bread.org>

With the children, figure out how much seven cents a day would be at the end of:

- one week
- the month of February
- the month of December
- one year
- two years
- at the end of 2014



Make banks for the children to take home to save their seven cents a day.

Materials

- jars with lids
- drawing paper
- pencils
- markers that will write on the surface of the jar
- a sharp implement to cut the jar lid

Directions

- 1 Clean the jars thoroughly, inside and out.
- 2 On drawing paper, plan the design for the bank.
- 3 Copy the design to the jar with markers.
- 4 Cut a hole large enough to insert a penny in the lid. Do **not** have the children cut this hole.
- 5 Screw the lid on the jar.



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In 2000, the world's leaders set goals that would make the world a better place for everyone by 2015. One goal was to decrease the number of people living in poverty and hunger by half. If every person in the United States gave seven cents a day, we could achieve that goal.

What would seven cents a day mean for your family?

_____ family members \times 7 cents = _____ a day
_____ \times 7 days = _____ a week
_____ \times 4 weeks = _____ a month
_____ \times 12 months = _____ a year

What might your family do without in order to give seven cents a day for each family member?

Here are some ideas:

- one dessert a week
- one movie (rental or theater) a month
- one special snack a week



What can you think of?

How much would you be able to give if you gave up one of these things?

How often will you give your money to your church or another organization that fights hunger?