

Welcome to The Ball Toss Challenge!

Looking for an interactive way to teach children of all ages about the importance of protecting their earnings? You've found it! This game helps reveal how emotions like greed can influence the decisions we make, putting our money at risk. It's a simple, fun game that teaches a lasting life lesson.



How to Play

Step 1

Find a ball (any type will do) and a partner who enjoys playing catch.

Step 2

Set a distance between you and your partner where you can throw the ball to one another with a good chance, but no guarantee, of catching it.

Step 3

Read the following statement:

I'll make you a bet that is as simple as can be. I think that you'll like it, but I guess we'll have to see.

Let's start throwing the ball, and for each catch that you make. I will give you a dollar. No tricks. It's yours to take.

We can keep playing until you say you want to stop, but if at any point the football happens to drop,

then all the money is lost, and the game will be done.

So, are you ready to play? Does this challenge sound fun?

Please note that you can change the amount. For example, you could say a quarter instead of a dollar, or whatever amount you feel is appropriate. You might also set a maximum amount of money that your partner can win. Make sure to keep the limit to yourself, so as not to influence their decision to keep playing or stop the game.

Step 4

Begin tossing the ball. With each toss that your partner catches, state how much money they have accumulated.

Step 5

At regular intervals, pause the game and ask your partner if they want to continue the game or stop and keep the money they have earned thus far. For example, you might ask at \$5, \$10, \$15, etc.

Step 6

If your partner drops the ball before stopping the game, they may become upset about the money they have lost. Initially, don't say a word. Allow them to reflect on the moment. When you feel it is appropriate, calmly ask them how they are feeling. Let them tell you what thoughts are running through their mind. This exercise will allow them to reflect more deeply on their feelings, and the next time that they are in a similar situation, they may decide to act differently. Do not give them the money or agree to play the game again the same day.

If your partner stops the game before dropping the ball, ask why they felt it wise to protect their earnings. Explore the concept of risk versus reward, and how they might apply this same decision-making process to their money later in life.

Step 7

Have fun!

We hope you enjoy The Ball Toss Challenge!



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