

5. The Wants-to-Work Conversation

Use this when a child asks for a discretionary item or experience. This is not a rule that children must earn everything; adults still decide what they provide as part of care and family life.

- 1 **How much does it cost?**
- 2 **What would it take to earn or save for it?**
- 3 **Is it worth that much work or waiting to you?**
- 4 **What else could those credits or dollars do?**
- 5 **Do you want to decide now, or think about it?**

Adults still provide automatically

Things children may increasingly work toward or choose for themselves

The goal is not to prevent wanting. The goal is to make cost, work, and choice visible.