



## Digital Money Is REAL MONEY

### ✓ 1. Use Parental Controls

Set up controls on phones, tablets, game consoles, and smart TVs to restrict purchases.

### ✓ 2. Require Passwords for Purchases

Turn on password or PIN requirements for every purchase—even free apps.

### ✓ 3. Use Kids' Accounts or Profiles

Create child-specific accounts (like Google Family Link, Apple Family Sharing, or Xbox Family) to limit access.

### ✓ 4. Disable In-App Purchases

On most devices, you can turn off in-app purchases entirely in settings.

### ✓ 5. Set Spending Limits or Gift Cards Only

Avoid linking a credit card—use gift cards or set monthly spending caps where possible.

### ✓ 6. Turn Off Auto-Save for Payment Info

Prevent devices from remembering card details for faster (unauthorized) checkout.

### ✓ 7. Regularly Review Purchase History

Check app store or game account purchases weekly to catch anything early.

### ✓ 8. Talk About Tricks in Games

Teach your kids about “loot boxes,” flashy upgrades, and how games try to get them to spend.


### ✓ 9. Install Kid-Safe Browsers & App Stores

Use curated platforms that block unsafe or scammy content.

### ✓ 10. Set Time Limits & Play Together

Know what they're playing. Join in and make game time safe time.



 **BONUS TIP: If a charge happens, contact the app store or card provider *immediately*—many offer refunds for accidental purchase**

