

# 4 KIDS SWOOP

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## CHA-CHING! START YOUR OWN COIN COLLECTION



A person who studies and collects coins, dollar bills and medals is called a *numismatist*. They'd be the first to tell you that coin collecting is an amazing hobby and along the way, you hear colorful tales, learn a bit of history and make new friends. Your collection will probably gain value too! Here are some common ways to collect coins:

**Type:** An example of coin type is the Lincoln penny. The pennies look the same, so they are the same type.

**Series:** The 50 State Quarters. All of the quarters look different, so you collect the whole series.

**Year set:** This means collecting each coin type for a particular year. A year set means you collected a penny, nickel, dime, quarter and half dollar.

**Theme:** This means your coins have a similar theme. Look at money and

you'll see different pictures. Choose a theme and collect money with those pictures. Presidents, animals and monuments are popular.

Once you choose a type of collection, start looking! When you find, trade or buy a coin, make notes on where you got it, how much you paid and other details. Each coin has a story. Part of the fun is telling it!

No matter how you collect, you're sure to find it worth the time... and money.

### Coins with mistakes can be valuable!

We all learn from mistakes. And with coins, you can profit from them! It's unusual to find errors in coins, and the U.S. Mint tends to find them before they release the coins – but not always! Collectors love errors. Why? Because they are rare and make the coin unique. In fact, the worse the “oops,” the more people might like them.

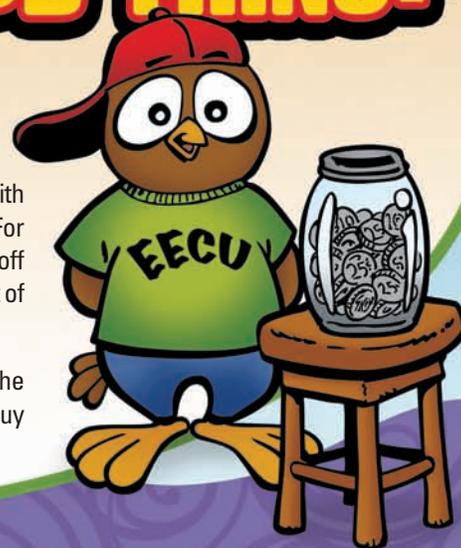
Coin errors tend to be categorized in three ways:



- A *die error* means there was something wrong with the mold (which is called a die).
- A *planchet error* means there's something wrong with the metal blank that became the coin.
- A *striking error* means there was a problem with the way the coin press struck the coin. For example, the press might strike the coin off center. This error is called “off center” and part of its design is missing.

So be on the lookout for not-so-perfect coins. The really unusual ones you will probably have to buy from someone who sells or collect coins.

## A BAD PENNY IS A GOOD THING?





# BANK ON YOU!

## Tips to Make Money & Save More!

**Y**ou probably have good money-saving habits, but if you challenge yourself to make and save a little more, it will really add up. Here are some ideas:

**Are you good at cleaning?** Create a list of services for friends and family. Vacuuming, dusting and mopping are great ways to earn money. People often want their windows and cars washed too!

**Do you have a green thumb?** Try planting herbs. You can then sell them in pots (either as seedlings or fully grown). Or, trim them and sell them in bundles.

A package of seeds doesn't cost much, and usually grows pretty fast.

**Are you good at making things?** Cookies and brownies can be an easy thing to sell, just ask a parent for help, and maybe you can think of other items too. Paint up special rocks or small pots for plants.

**Are you good with crafts?** Make some greetings cards for holidays, birthdays, or just for fun. Making gift tags can be another fun craft project.

Once you've found ways to increase the money you make, be sure to increase the money you save. Get creative and enjoy! Make sure to get permission from your parents.



# CONGRATS

Jacob Farris Jr. is the winner of the quarterly drawing. Jacob won a \$50 Target Gift Card – congratulations!

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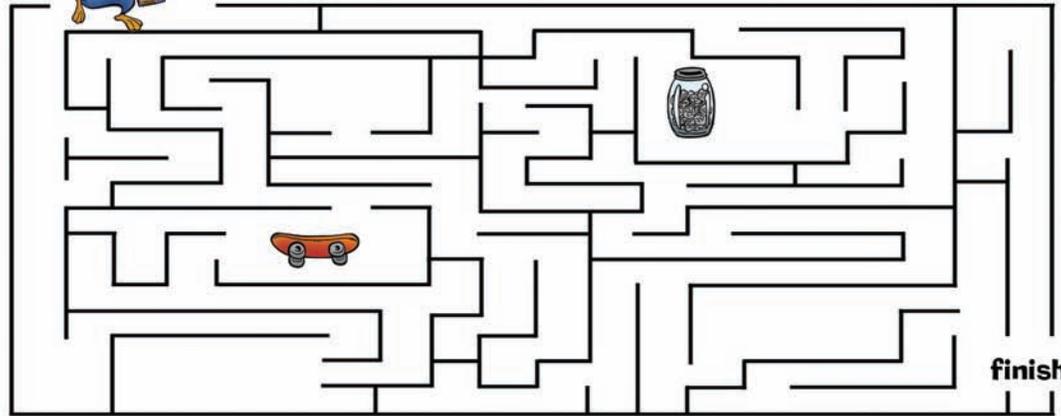
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## Help Eddie find his way through the maze.



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