Directions
Believe it or not, you already hold views about money and the beliefs we develop as kids often stick with us for life. They are not necessarily bad or wrong, but often they are incomplete. Our goal before we dive into financial literacy is to understand our existing beliefs, so we don’t blindly follow them. Instead, if we understand our beliefs, we can consciously embrace them, watch them evolve, or craft new beliefs entirely. Whatever we believe, we want to be aware of how these beliefs affect our financial behavior. As part of our own investigation, take a few minutes to interview a parent/guardian about how he/she feels about money.

1. What is your earliest memory having to do with money?

2. What were your family stories or beliefs about money growing up? What were you taught? Give an example.

3. Did you ever make a vow about money based on your own childhood... Like, “I’ll never...”

4. When did you start to manage your own money? What did this look like? Checking account? Credit card? How did it go?
5. What quote do you agree with more: “Money is evil” or “Money brings you happiness.”

6. How much time do you spend per week thinking about money (could be managing it, worrying about it, paying bills, deciding whether to make a purchase, talking about it, etc.)

7. What do you think is the most important message I could learn about money as I work my way towards adulthood?

8. What is your biggest fear about me……on the subject of money.

9. What do you wish you would have learned earlier in your life about money/finances.