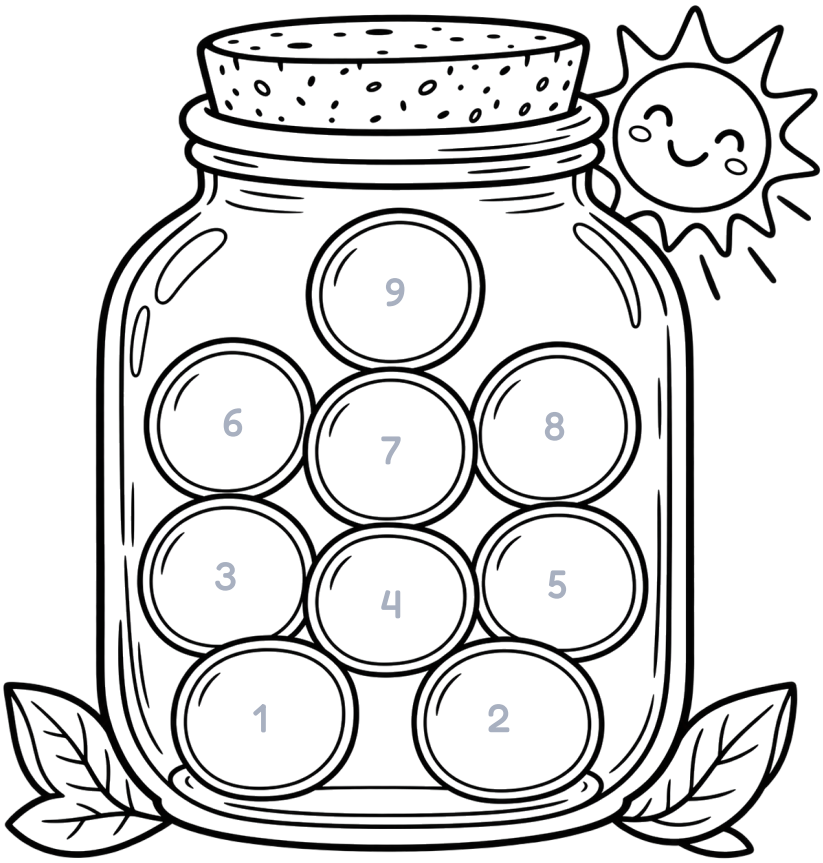
The Waiting Jar

Name _____ Date _____

Waiting for something special? Color one coin each day you wait. When all 9 coins are colored, your jar is full!



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What are you waiting for? Draw it.

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The Waiting Jar

The quick lesson (read aloud, about 1 minute)

> **Saving** means keeping money now so you can have something better later. Waiting is hard, so we use a little helper: a picture of our goal and a jar we can watch fill up. Every coin you color is one day of waiting power!

Two teaching points

1. Saving is **waiting on purpose** for something you want.
2. A goal you can see (your drawing) makes waiting easier.

Answer key

No single right answer. Celebrate every finished jar. Ask: "What helped you wait?" Children who stopped early can start again: waiting is a skill we practice.

10-minute run

1. Ask: "Have you ever waited for something special?"
2. Children draw their goal in the box.
3. Send the jar home: color one coin a day.

Ask

"Was it hard to wait? Was it worth it?"

Goal

Waiting for something you want is the first step in saving.

Take it further

Make a real jar at home or in class. Drop in one coin a day for 9 days and count it together at the end.

Standard: National Standards for Personal Financial Education (Council for Economic Education and Jump$tart), area: **Saving**. Print double-sided: the activity on the front, this teaching side on the back.

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