



Originally friends from music class at their school, the group's passion for music sees their band 'Cha-Ching' growing in popularity, quickly attracting a loyal fan-base around town. Cha-Ching has played to some large crowds on stage in the local park and with the money the kids earned from these performances, they learn the importance of being smart with their money and the essential skills needed to understand their choices.

It's not hard, read on and find out how they did it. You could learn some valuable money-smarts too.

Characters



Guitar and Vocals

Fun-loving Justin is a born entrepreneur and has lots of great business ideas. He loves taking on new projects and energetically dives into them head first.



Rhythm Guitar and Vocals

Zul loves cars and has one aim in life: to become a racing car driver.
He is sensible and determined; in order to achieve this, he knows he needs to learn to save for success.



Drums and Vocals

A lovable gentle-giant, Bobby does not have the street smarts or self-control some of his friends have. In short, he is not so good with money.



Singer

Charity loves to give and share. She is a sweet and loving person always looking for ways to help out those in need whether it's by giving money, her time or her talent.



Keyboards and Vocals

A careless spender and shopaholic, Pepper wants everything she sees and she wants it right now.

Prudence

Lead Guitar and Vocals

Prudence is wise and practical and as such, makes it a habit to save money. She learned early that if she takes some of the money that she gets and saves it, she can make her dreams for the future come true!



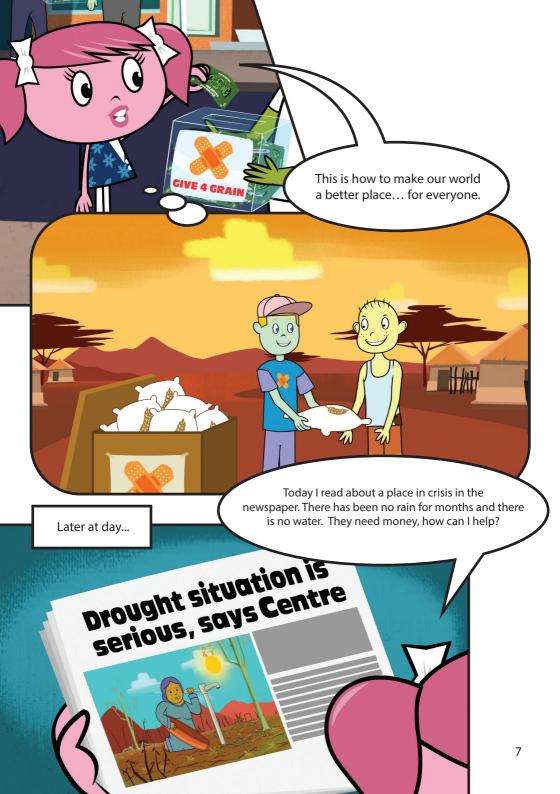


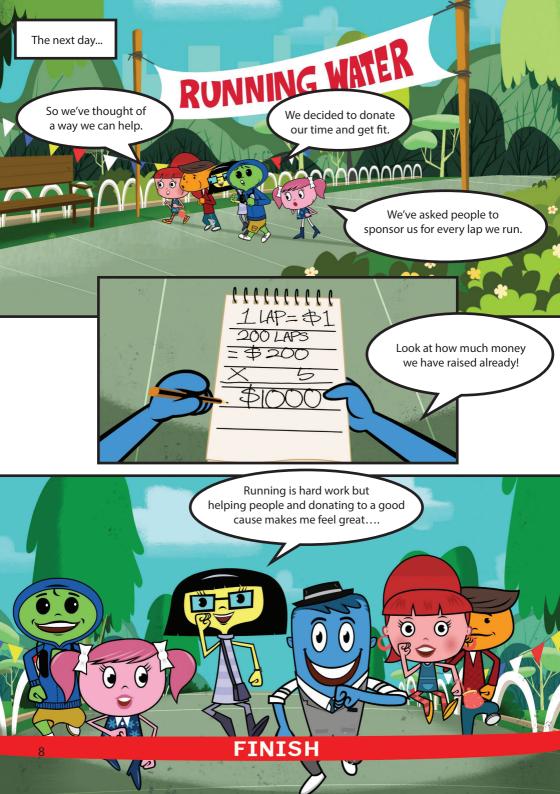


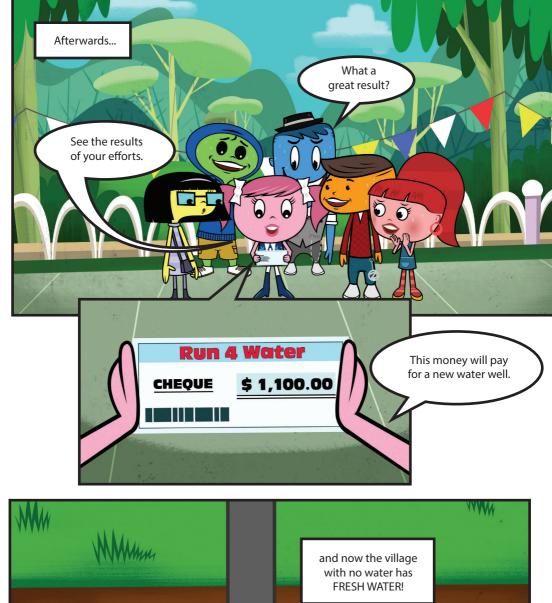




































In the newspapers the next day...

Everyone can help make the world a better place ... with a little charity!

THE TOWN TIMES

Cha- Ching raise record amount!





Do-Together Activity

Activity Supplies: Camera/ Video Camera & Notebook



DISCUSS

Start this activity by watching this music video. Then ask the questions and discuss with your child(ren):

- What does it mean to 'Donate'?
- Why do you think it is important to donate?
- Have you ever seen anyone who needs help, money or your time / service? Who were they? What did they need? What did you do?
- How does it make you feel to buy a toy? How long does that feeling last? How does it make you feel to give something (money, time or items like toys) to someone else? How long does that feeling last?



CREATE

Let's Donate:

This activity is about the whole family choosing a local cause, helping out and then checking the impact of your efforts. Make your plan/ notes. Take pictures of the whole process and later turn it into a book, OR use a camera to make a video to share with others.

- Define 'Donate': Donate is to give money, time or items for a good cause, for example, to a charity. Discuss what 'Donate' means and make a list of people or places in your community (neighbourhood, district, city) in need.
- 2. Choose a local person or organisation that needs assistance.
- 3. Make a plan to raise money, collect donatable goods or spend time with the person / organisation.
- 4. Go out and collect the money / goods. Spend the time. Or do both.
- 5. Deliver the money / goods and spend time with the person or organisation.
- 6. Follow up with whomever the money / goods were donated to or whomever the time was spent with. Determine what was done for them, how they felt and see whose life was impacted. If you can, keep tracking backwards to see how many people you have helped ultimately!



REVIEW

Now that you have thought about charity, answer the following questions:

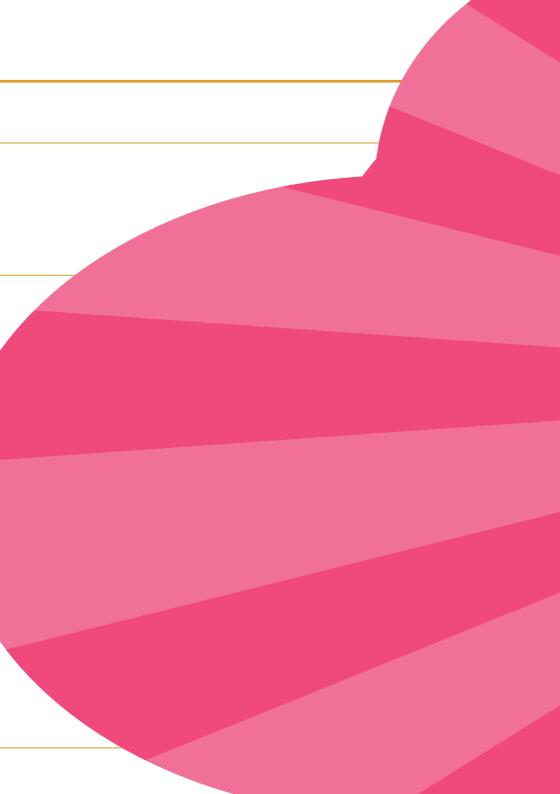
- Does 'Donate' mean the same thing to you now as it did before doing this activity? What has changed?
- Was the impact of your donation positive or negative for the person on the receiving side? What about the impact on you, the donor? How was it? Why?
- What was / were one or two of the most important things you learned from doing this activity?



Your Master Donation Plan

Mark down your plan and notes onto the worksheet and don't forget to take pictures / videos and document the entire experience later!

Who or which organisation are you donating to? For how long?	
What type of donation have you chosen (money, goods or time)?	
Activities	
Follow-up	





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The Cha-Ching band is rewarded for a concert they performed, and Charity decides to "save some, spend a little and donate the rest." In this episode, she also teaches the band that you can also donate time and effort to help others, and not just money!