

Convert Consumption into Labor

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Are you feeling the crunch of the extra cost of a gallon of milk or gas prices? You are not alone. People are looking at family vacations and wondering how they can afford to do anything extra this year. Sometimes it is the little things that make a difference. Talk as a family about what they would like to do this summer. You may be surprised at what they say.



- Going swimming, to the county fair or having a sleep-over maybe some fun options.
- Start to save by doing little things, such as a piggy bank to save loose change.
- Take your own pop to work, instead of buying a pop from the vending machine. You could save \$45.00 in 3 months time if you purchase one can of pop a day at work verses bringing your own.
- Have the kids help to clean a neighbor's windows or rake their yards.
- Put coupons or garage sale earnings into the piggy bank.
- Other leaks may be traffic tickets, movies, add on phone services, magazines, convenience store purchases, Lottery tickets, or eating out.

These are just a few ways to cut corners and save some extra money to have family fun and make some memories this summer.