Percentages for your Personal Budget

Creating a personal budget using percentages is a smart way to manage your money. By setting specific portions for different

categories—such as needs, savings, and wants—you can keep a balanced approach to your finances. This method helps control expenses, make informed spending choices, and achieve your financial goals. Use the circle graph below to evaluate your own budget.

> 20% wants

> > 50%

NEEDS

30% savings

Saving Small Amounts Throughout the year Adds Up!

Are you making resolutions for the new year? Saving money might be a great one to try! Small habits, like setting aside loose change or regularly adding to your <u>Kids Savings</u> account, can make a big difference over time.

One fun goal is to save an amount equal to your age each week. Here's how much you'd save by the end of the year:

- 7-year-olds saving **\$7** each week will have **\$364**
- 8-year-olds savings **\$8** each week will have **\$416**
- 9-year-olds savings **\$9** each week will have **\$468**
- 10-year-olds savings **\$10** each week will have **\$520**
- 11-year-olds savings \$11 each week will have \$572
- 12-year-olds savings \$12 each week will have \$624

Starting with small savings can make a big difference for your future!

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Growing Your Money with Dividends

Dividends are special rewards for saving, and they're powerful tools in personal finance. When you put money in a savings account, the credit union pays you simple or compound dividends, allowing your savings to grow over time.

Simple dividends grow

at a steady rate each year. For example, if you have \$100 in your account with a simple dividend rate of 5%, you'll earn \$5 a year just by saving.

Compound dividends

grow even faster because it builds on itself. If you have \$100 in the bank with a 5% compound dividend rate, you'll earn \$5 the first year. But in the second year, you'll earn dividends on \$105, and so on.

So whatever your savings goals, it pays to keep your money in a bank account!





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Winners of the *Kids Club* Fall Coloring Contest

We drew random entries to choose the members who would receive a \$10 deposit to their <u>Kids Savings</u> accounts. Congratulations to the winners!

Evie H. Age 10

Ellie G. Age 11 **Mallory L.** Age 11



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Color this image and send your artwork to us. You'll automatically be entered into a drawing for a \$10 deposit to your <u>Kids Savings</u> account and have your name appear in the next newsletter!



DEADLINE: February 28, 2025

Mail your entry to: South Carolina Federal Credit Union Kids Club, Fall Coloring Contest P.O. Box 190012 N. Charleston, SC 29419-9012

Name

Birthdate (Month/Day/Year)

1								4
		3	6	1	8	9		
	2	7				6	1	
		8	1	6	9	4		
		1	2		7	3		
		6	8	5	3	1		
	1	5				7	3	
		2	3	7	6	5		
7								9

Sudoku

Sudoku is easy to play and the rules are simple. Fill in the puzzle so that every row across, every column down, and every 3 by 3 box contain the numbers 1 to 9.



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