

# Girls Only



## Home Management



### Additional Project Ideas

**Take a tour.** Organize a tour of homes. Ask a few women in your church to host the girls and give them a tour of their homes. Ask the women to share their decorating ideas and tips.

**Budget it.** Have the girls research a career they're interested in. Help them find average salaries for the your area, and help the girls create a budget based on the average salary for their career of choice. Make sure the girls include tithe, rental/mortgage payments, utilities, car payment/insurance, grocery money, cell phone costs, school loan payments, etc. What sounds like a lot of money in the beginning may not seem like as much when you factor in bills and costs of living.

**Build a dream house.** Have the girls look through decorating magazines and design their dream home using the pages from the magazines. Visit a local home improvement store to pick out paint swatches. Visit local furniture stores to get ideas and pricing for furniture.

**Find treasures.** Take your girls to flea markets in your area. Talk with the girls about decorating a house on a budget. Help the girls pick out pieces that could be refurbished or repurposed to be usable in a home.

**Design it.** Invite an interior decorator from your church to come give your girls ideas for decorating on a small budget. Have him or her share recent designs and different styles of rooms. Allow plenty of time for the girls to ask questions.

**Do some research.** Have the girls list places they'd like to live. Have them pick two or three cities and research the areas. Have them look up the average annual income, average home costs, and cultural differences about the cities. Have the girls share their findings with the group.

**Go shopping.** Have your girls shop for homes. Go to open houses in your area. Have the girls look at real estate websites and inserts in your local paper. Invite a real estate agent in your church to come talk to the girls about the process of buying a home.

## Resource Ideas

- *Discovering God's Way of Handling Money* Crown Financial Ministries, 2004.
- *Money Management for Students* by Dr. Larry Burkett, Moody, 1998.
- *Wisdom On: Time and Money* by Mark Matlock, Youth Specialties, 2008
- *I Want to Talk with My Teen About Money Management* by Lisa Craton, Standard, 2006.
- [www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com)
- [www.flylady.com](http://www.flylady.com)

## Additional Discussion Questions

### Discovery #1

- Where would you like to live? What are some reasons to stay in the area? What are some reasons to move to other communities?
- What are some benefits of living on campus? What are some benefits of living with your parents?
- What are some things to look for in a roommate?

### Discovery #2

- What do you need to get started on your own?
- How can you get the resources you need to get started on your own?
- How do you know when you're ready to live on your own? What should you do if you're scared to move out on your own?

### Discovery #3

- How do you take care of your house?
- Are you messy by nature or pretty neat? How can you change your habits to be easier to live with? Would you rather live with a messy person or a neat person?
- Why is it important to keep a clean house?

### Discovery #4

- What are some ways to decorate on a small budget?
- Are there any skills you could do or develop to help you decorate on a small budget?
- Do you have any decorating ideas right now? What style of decorating do you like? Is there anything you don't like?

### Discovery #5

- Who will you live with?
- What should you look for in a roommate?
- How can you change your habits to become a better roommate?

### Discovery #6

- What can you do now to prepare to live on your own?
- What would you like your dream house to be like?
- Where are some good stores to get decorating deals?