## Introduction

Congratulations. Get ready to enjoy the **Ticket Store Game!** Playing this game with your children will allow them to learn the importance of good behavior by rewarding them with tickets for that behavior. The Ticket Store Game also introduces your children to the concepts of finances, savings and rewards for their efforts.

## The process is simple.

First, read the Rules of the Ticket Store Game with your children.

Next, review The Ticket Store Game Requirements and add or delete any requirement or adjust the number of tickets earned by that behavior to tailor the game to your family. Be sure to include your children in the process of establishing productive ways for them to earn tickets.

Now, it is time to set up and stock the Ticket Store. The Ticket Store Game can be played by placing the game board flat or by hanging the game board using string or the velcro applicators. You can apply the velcro applications where indicated to the game board and the rewards cards. The banks can be colored by your children and each child should put his or her name on their bank. Including your children in these activities is important as it develops a sense of ownership of the game and the process. We have included a number of illustrated rewards on the cards that attach to the Ticket Store Game board by the velcro supplied with the game. You should write in the number of tickets required to obtain the reward on each reward card.

You and your children are free to pick from the pre-illustrated rewards or you can establish your own rewards by using the enclosed blank reward cards and filling in the reward of your child's choice and the number of tickets required to obtain the reward. This is a great opportunity to have your child participate in deciding his or her own reward. What a great motivator!

Once your children have selected the reward cards, attach them to the velcro on the game board.

Remember, the reward cards can be changed by your children daily depending on what rewards your children want to attain for that particular day.

Next, help your children to carefully separate the tickets and give them to you to hold.

You will start by holding all of the tickets and will give them to your children as they earn them.

The children should place all earned tickets in the bank when they are received. This process reinforces the concept of saving.

You can also use the process along with your children's teachers. We have included a list of behavior at school for which your children can earn tickets. You can coordinate with your children's teachers to add to or delete from this list in order to build good behavior at home and at school.

You can determine when your child gets to visit the Ticket Store to redeem his or her tickets. At the time of the visit, your child should go to the bank and count out and deliver to you the number of tickets necessary to buy the reward.

If there are earned but unused tickets at the end of the day, they can only carry over to the next day (be accumulated over many days for rewards which require many tickets i.e. the purchase of a new game or sleep over). Otherwise, all tickets should be spent through a trip to the Ticket Store on the day in which they are earned.

## Things to remember:

- 1. Long term success of the Ticket Store Game and improvement of behavior is dependent on parents (and the children's teacher to the extent you are incorporating school behavior) keeping the game going!
- 2. Positive reinforcement is the key. Every time your child performs a task (for example when your child makes his or her bed) reinforce good behavior with comments like "You should feel good about how your room looks when you make your bed!"

Positive reinforcement will help in establishing long lasting good habits and behavior.

- 3. You may have to reassess goals to be achieved depending on whether it is school time or summer time.
- 4. Remain consistent in how tickets are earned and how you allow your children to purchase rewards.
- 5. Catch your child being good! And reward him or her for that good behavior.

Now that the Ticket Store Game is set up, it is time to play and have some fun with this great family experience!



