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### Make Your Garage Sale a Fun, Team Effort at Home

A garage sale can feel like a solo job — but it doesn't have to be. With the right approach, your whole family can pitch in and even enjoy the process. Whether you're raising extra cash, clearing out clutter or just trying to get organized, involving everyone turns your sale into a shared project — and a great opportunity to teach valuable skills along the way.

Here's how to make your sale a true family affair.

#### **GIVE EVERYONE A ROLE**

Start by assigning simple jobs based on age and ability. Younger kids can help sort toys or clothing, fold items or put price stickers on objects you hand them. Let them make signs using markers and poster board — they'll love the creative part, and homemade signs can add a personal touch to your sale.

Older children and teens can take on more responsibility, like setting up tables, creating item displays or helping greet customers. They might also enjoy helping with money — supervised, of course—or tracking sales on a notepad or phone.



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#### **MAKE SETUP A TEAM ACTIVITY**

Turn setup into a mini-event. Put on some music, assign everyone a table or section to organize, and work together to arrange the sale in

a way that flows.

Kids can place signs at street corners with an adult or help carry lightweight bins from the house.

At the end of the day, divide up cleanup tasks the same way.

One person folds the tables, another boxes up leftovers for donation, another sweeps the driveway. With many hands, it all goes faster — and there's less grumbling when everyone contributes.

#### **TEACH REAL-WORLD LESSONS**

Garage sales are full of teachable moments. Kids can learn about money by helping make change, practicing simple math or deciding how to spend their share of the earnings. Teens may learn about negotiation, customer service and the value of secondhand goods.

You can also use the experience to talk about letting go of unused items, sharing with others, and working toward a

family goal. If you're saving up for a vacation or a group outing, make a visible sign or jar showing how close you're getting — that visual motivation can go a long way.

#### **ADD A KID-FRIENDLY FEATURE**

If your children want to go the extra mile, let them set up a small table of their own. They can sell old toys, books or handmade items like friendship bracelets or baked goods. This gives them a sense of ownership and often draws in other families to your sale.

Just be sure to supervise the pricing and sales process so they're not overwhelmed.

#### **CELEBRATE AS A FAMILY**

When the last table is folded and the cash is counted, mark the moment with a small celebration. Maybe it's pizza for dinner, a family movie night or a treat from the ice cream shop. It doesn't have to be big. It just reminds everyone that their efforts mattered and were appreciated.

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#### SELLER'S TIP

##### Assign Age-Appropriate Tasks

Let younger kids decorate signs or count items while older kids help organize, greet customers or make change — with supervision, of course.

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