

## RESPONSES TO STRESS – [FP] (SR-C)

Even when things are going well, almost every family has financial worries or money troubles now and then. This is a list of things about money problems that children and teenagers sometimes find stressful or a problem to deal with. Please circle the number indicating how stressful the following things have been for you in the past 6 months.

	Not at All Stressful	A Little Stressful	Somewhat Stressful	Very Stressful
a. One of my parents lost a job or couldn't find work	1	2	3	4
b. I had to go without a meal because we did not have enough money	1	2	3	4
c. I had to wear clothes that were dirty, worn out, or don't fit	1	2	3	4
d. My parent(s) talked about having serious money problems	1	2	3	4
e. Things in our home did not work the way they should (no electricity, no water)	1	2	3	4
f. I had to work to support other family members	1	2	3	4
g. I couldn't buy myself something important because we didn't have enough money	1	2	3	4
h. We had to stay in a homeless shelter or public place	1	2	3	4
i. I had to do almost all of the cooking, cleaning, or childcare at home because my parents had to work	1	2	3	4
j. Other: _____	1	2	3	4

**Circle the number that shows how much control you generally think you have over these problems.**

1	2	3	4
None	A little	Some	A lot

Below is a list of things that children and teenagers sometimes do, think, or feel when something stressful happens. Everyone deals with problems in their own way – some people do a lot of the things on this list or have a bunch of feelings, other people just do or think a few of these things.

**Think of all the stressful parts of money problems that you indicated above.** For each item below, circle **one** number from 1 (not at all) to 4 (a lot) that shows **how much** you do or feel these things when you or your family has problems with money like the ones you indicated above. Please let us know about everything you do, think, and feel, even if you don't think it helps make things better.

WHEN DEALING WITH THE STRESS OF MONEY PROBLEMS:	How much do you do this?			
	Not at all	A little	Some	A lot
1. I try not to feel anything.	1	2	3	4
2. When dealing with the stress of money problems, I feel sick to my stomach or get headaches.	1	2	3	4
3. I try to think of different ways to change or fix the situation. <b>Write one plan you thought of:</b> _____ _____	1	2	3	4
4. When problems with money happen, I don't feel anything at all, it's like I have no feelings.	1	2	3	4
5. I wish that I were stronger and less sensitive so that things would be different.	1	2	3	4

WHEN DEALING WITH THE STRESS OF MONEY PROBLEMS:	How much do you do this?			
	Not at all	A little	Some	A lot
6. I <b>keep remembering</b> what happened with the money problems or <b>can't stop thinking about</b> what might happen.	1	2	3	4
7. I let someone or something know how I feel. ( <i>remember to circle a number.</i> ) → <b>Check all you talked to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Member <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> God <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
8. I decide I'm okay the way I am, even though I'm not perfect.	1	2	3	4
9. When I'm around other people I act like the money problems never happened.	1	2	3	4
10. I just <b>have</b> to get away from everything when I am dealing with the stress of money problems.	1	2	3	4
11. I deal with the stress of money problems by wishing it would just go away, that everything would work itself out.	1	2	3	4
12. I get really jumpy when I am dealing with the stress of money problems.	1	2	3	4
13. I realize that I just have to live with things the way they are.	1	2	3	4
14. When I am dealing with the stress of money problems, I just <b>can't</b> be near anything that reminds me of the situation.	1	2	3	4
15. I <b>try</b> not to think about it, to forget all about it.	1	2	3	4
16. When I am dealing with the stress of money problems, I really don't know what I feel.	1	2	3	4
17. I ask other people or things for help or for ideas about how to make things better. ( <i>remember to circle a number.</i> ) → <b>Check all you talked to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Member <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> God <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
18. When I am trying to sleep, I <b>can't stop</b> thinking about the stressful aspects of money problems or I have bad dreams about money problems.	1	2	3	4
19. I tell myself that I can get through this, or that I will do better next time.	1	2	3	4
20. I let my feelings out. ( <i>remember to circle a number.</i> ) → <b>I do this by: (Check all that you did.)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Writing in my journal/diary <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/painting <input type="checkbox"/> Complaining to let off steam <input type="checkbox"/> Being sarcastic/making fun <input type="checkbox"/> Listening to music <input type="checkbox"/> Punching a pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Exercising <input type="checkbox"/> Yelling <input type="checkbox"/> Crying <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
21. I get help from other people or things when I'm trying to figure out how to deal with my feelings. ( <i>remember to circle a number.</i> ) → <b>Check all that you went to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Member <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> God <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
22. I <b>just can't</b> get myself to face the stress of money problems.	1	2	3	4
23. I wish that someone would just come and take away the stressful aspects of money problems.	1	2	3	4

**You're half done. Before you keep working, look back at the first page so you remember the aspects of having money problems that have been stressful for you lately. Remember to answer the questions below thinking about these things.**

WHEN DEALING WITH THE STRESS OF MONEY PROBLEMS:	How much do you do this?			
	Not at all	A little	Some	A lot
24. I do something to try to fix the stressful parts of money problems. <b>Write one thing you did:</b> _____ _____	1	2	3	4
25. Thoughts about money problems just pop into my head.	1	2	3	4
26. When I am dealing with money problems, I feel it in my body. (remember to circle a number.) → <b>Check all that happen:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> My heart races <input type="checkbox"/> My breathing speeds up <input type="checkbox"/> None of these <input type="checkbox"/> I feel hot or sweaty <input type="checkbox"/> My muscles get tight	1	2	3	4
27. I <b>try</b> to stay away from people and things that make me feel upset or remind me of the problem.	1	2	3	4
28. I don't feel like myself when I am dealing with money problems, it's like I am far away from everything.	1	2	3	4
29. I just take things as they are; I go with the flow.	1	2	3	4
30. I think about happy things to take my mind off money problems or how I'm <b>feeling</b> .	1	2	3	4
31. When something stressful happens related to money problems, I <b>can't stop</b> thinking about how I am feeling.	1	2	3	4
32. I get sympathy, understanding, or support from someone. (remember to circle a number.) → <b>Check all you went to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Brother/Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Member <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> God <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
33. When something stressful happens related to money problems, I <b>can't</b> always control what I do. (remember to circle a number.) → <b>Check all that happen:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I can't stop eating <input type="checkbox"/> I can't stop talking <input type="checkbox"/> I do dangerous things <input type="checkbox"/> I have to keep fixing/checking things <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
34. I tell myself that things could be worse.	1	2	3	4
35. My mind just goes blank when something stressful happens related to money problems, I can't think at all.	1	2	3	4
36. I tell myself that it doesn't matter, that it isn't a big deal.	1	2	3	4
37. When I am faced with the stressful parts of money problems, right away I feel really: (remember to circle a number.) → <b>Check all that you feel:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Angry <input type="checkbox"/> Sad <input type="checkbox"/> None of these <input type="checkbox"/> Worried/anxious <input type="checkbox"/> Scared	1	2	3	4
38. It's really hard for me to concentrate or pay attention when something stressful happens related to money problems.	1	2	3	4
39. I think about the things I'm learning from the situation, or something good that will come from it.	1	2	3	4
40. After something stressful happens related to money problems, I <b>can't stop</b> thinking about what I did or said.	1	2	3	4

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41. When stressful parts of money problems happen, I say to myself, "This isn't real."	1	2	3	4
42. When I'm dealing with the stressful parts of money problems, I end up just lying around or sleeping a lot.	1	2	3	4
43. I keep my mind off stressful parts of money problems by: <i>(remember to circle a number.)</i> → <b>Check all that you do:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Exercising <input type="checkbox"/> Seeing friends <input type="checkbox"/> Watching TV <input type="checkbox"/> Playing video games <input type="checkbox"/> Doing a hobby <input type="checkbox"/> Listening to music <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
44. When something stressful happens related to money problems, I get upset by things that don't usually bother me.	1	2	3	4
45. I do something to calm myself down when I'm dealing with the stress of money problems. <i>(remember to circle a number.)</i> → <b>Check all that you do:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Take deep breaths <input type="checkbox"/> Pray <input type="checkbox"/> Walk <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to music <input type="checkbox"/> Take a break <input type="checkbox"/> Meditate <input type="checkbox"/> None of these	1	2	3	4
46. I just freeze when I am dealing with stressful parts of money problems, I <b>can't</b> do anything.	1	2	3	4
47. When stressful things happen related to money problems I sometimes act without thinking.	1	2	3	4
48. I keep my feelings under control when I have to, then let them out when they won't make things worse.	1	2	3	4
49. When something stressful happens related to money problems, I can't seem to get around to doing things I'm supposed to do.	1	2	3	4
50. I tell myself that everything will be all right.	1	2	3	4
51. When something stressful happens related to money problems, I <b>can't stop</b> thinking about <b>why</b> this is happening.	1	2	3	4
52. I think of ways to laugh about it so that it won't seem so bad.	1	2	3	4
53. My thoughts start racing when I am faced with the stressful parts of money problems.	1	2	3	4
54. I imagine something really fun or exciting happening in my life.	1	2	3	4
55. When something stressful happens related to money problems, I can get so upset that I can't remember what happened or what I did.	1	2	3	4
56. I try to believe that it never happened.	1	2	3	4
57. When I am dealing with the stress of money problems, sometimes I <b>can't</b> control what I do or say.	1	2	3	4