Buying souvenirs on a family trip can be fun. But it’s smart to use money for something meaningful. Don’t just buy whatever is at the gift shop the next time you travel. Instead, try to think of a creative way to remember your trip. Here are just a few ideas:

Create a memory book. You can collect a few postcards, and then add ticket stubs, maps, notes about foods you ate, and other little items from your trip. This is a great way to remember all the parts of your vacation.

Make a charm bracelet. Charms are small items that you can attach to a bracelet to make it your own. You can put charms from many different trips on one bracelet.

Start a snow globe collection. Most places you visit will have snow globe keepsakes for sale to remind you of what you saw. Plus, they are always fun to shake!

Or, think of your own creative keepsake. Don’t forget to store your money away throughout the year so that you have it to spend on your fun vacation! Make a deposit to your savings account at DCU today to get started.
GUESS WHAT? DOLLAR BILLS ARE MADE OF COTTON

You may have handled money quite a bit. Maybe you’ve gotten gifts for your birthday, worked hard for an allowance, or spent time selling lemonade. So you know all about dollar bills and all the U.S. coins, right?

But did you know that “paper money” isn’t made from paper at all? Dollar bills are really made from a blend of cotton and linen fibers. This blend makes them much more durable than regular paper. So they’re harder to rip and get stained.

Coins are also made of more than meets the eye. You may know from their color that pennies contain copper. But it’s only a tiny amount. Most of the penny is zinc, which is lighter and less expensive than copper. A thin copper coating is placed over the zinc so the outside of the coin still looks copper. Nickels, dimes, and quarters may look silver, but are really made of a mix of copper and nickel.

Now that you know what your money is made of, don’t forget to keep it safe. Deposit your extra money into your savings account DCU!