# **Donating Money Discussion Guide (for use during or after reading)**

1. What philanthropic causes do people often chose when considering where to donate their money? (Why Do People Donate, p. 6-7)
   1. People tend to donate money to philanthropic causes such as organizations that help people, animals, the environment, underprivileged groups, developing communities, preserve culture, and more.
2. Why might it be important to do your research before donating money? (Making a Donation, p. 8-21, specifically p. 10)
   1. It is important to do your research before donating money to an organization because you want to make sure your money is going to a good cause that is reputable.
3. Why did Donny decide to donate to Save the Elephants instead of Smiles for Elephants? (Making a Donation, p. 8-21, specifically p. 14-19)
   1. Donny decided to donate to Save the Elephants because that organization gave the majority of their donations to actually helping the elephants whereas Smiles for Elephants spent half of their donations on snacks. Donny wanted to help the elephants as much as he could, so he made this choice.
4. Why might some people decide to donate monthly instead of annually? Why might some people make a one-time donation? (Making a Donation, p. 8-21, specifically p. 20-21)
   1. Donating monthly makes it easier to give more over a long period of time. You do not need to have all the money you eventually want to donate right now and can spread out your spending.
   2. Some people might make a one-time donation because they do not have the funds to donate more frequently. In addition, they might support the cause but would rather spend their money on other donations or other wants.
5. What did Donny consider when choosing how much money to donate to Save the Elephants? (Making a Donation, p. 8-21, specifically p. 20-21)
   1. Donny considered how frequently he would donate (monthly instead of annually or one-time). Donny also considered his own budget. He set aside money for needs like rent and groceries first and put money into his savings. Then Donny considered how much of his spending money he would like to donate. He decided he would rather donate some money to help a cause he cares about than purchase a few extra wants each month.
6. What benefits do businesses receive when they make donations? (Business Donations, p. 22-27)
   1. When businesses donate money, they receive tax breaks. Sometimes businesses will get more customers or have a higher profit because they started donating money which makes customers want to spend there instead of elsewhere.
7. What is a tax break? (Business Donations, p. 22-27)
   1. A business or person can get a tax break when they donate money. That means the amount of taxes you owe the government is reduced which helps to save you money.
8. One day, Donny’s nonprofit sells 40 coins worth of cookies. Is it wise to donate all 40 coins? Why or why not? (Nonprofit Organizations, p. 28-33)
   1. It is not wise to donate all 40 coins of profit. First, Donny should make sure to pay for his administrative costs such as ingredients or any help he hired.
9. What is a nonprofit organization? (Nonprofit Organizations, p. 28-33)
   1. A nonprofit organization is an organization or company that performs a service or produces a product, but is not set up to make money.
10. Why do people donate money? (Donating Helps the World, p. 34-35)
    1. People donate money because they can help causes they believe in, they feel like they are helping make the world a better place, and it often makes them feel happy and fulfilled.