The Bean Game is an interactive activity created to simulate spending that an adult may encounter for one month of living expenses. There are many choices that can be made to purchase, or not purchase, certain items based on the monthly income of 20 beans (you can use whatever marker you have 20 of). Please read below for playing instructions:

1. Print out both Bean Game playing boards on two separate sheets of paper, so you can see every choice in front of you.
2. Find 20 game pieces in your house to count as money (you can use beans, coins, buttons, candy…anything that you have 20 of)
3. For all be the “More Choices” category boxes, you will make one selection within each box by placing your game pieces in the smaller boxes next to your purchase decision. If there is one small box, you will use one playing piece. If your purchase has three boxes, you must use three playing pieces to purchase the item.
4. If you run out of playing pieces, you may move pieces around until you are happy with all of your selections.
5. The game can be played individually or as a group of 1-4.
6. Bonus: If you would really like a challenge, pretend you income has been cut by 20% and take away 4 game pieces…can you still buy everything you need, and some things you want?

Answer the following questions:

1. What was the first item you purchased?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the last item you purchased?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Did you have difficulty deciding on a specific item to purchase? If so, what was it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Did you have to skip purchasing an item you wanted to purchase? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. If you worked as a group, did you have trouble coming to an agreement? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_