Role-play starters for “children”:

“I won’t waste my money if you give me an allowance.”

“I’ll save part of it to buy better gifts for my friends.”

“I can buy things I want.”

“If I want a special pair of sneakers, you might say it’s too expensive and not a necessity. If I got an allowance, I could pay for it myself.”

“Everyone gets one but me!”

“I won’t have to always ask you for money.”

“I already have a way to keep track of my work and how much it is worth. I set up a chore chart.”

Role-play attitudes for “parents”:

Don’t take child seriously, give the child the humorous brush-off: Sounds like giving you an allowance will mean more work for me...

Be against the idea at first, but be willing to change your mind later: I don’t know, you need to convince me that this will work...

Be willing to listen, but ask cautious questions: Maybe, what about....

I didn’t get an allowance when I was a kid. Why should you get one?

No, we tried this last year and it didn’t work then; why will it work now?

Might be a good idea to try, but what about...?