



People in a Community Work Together

After watching the *JA Our Community* Lesson 1 volunteer video session, reinforce the learning in the lesson by having your child determine the difference between needs and wants in his life.

Materials

- Large paper
- Small note cards or sticky notes
- Markers or pencils

Activity

Guide your child through the following steps:

- Help your child create a map of your neighborhood or community like the one in the video.
- Have him draw some different stores and businesses on small note cards or sticky notes. Tell him to think about the businesses and jobs he knows and has visited, such as a shoe store, hair salon, or fire station.
- Help him arrange these business cards on a large piece of paper or a blank wall. Guide him to think about the jobs his parents, caregiver, or other relatives do and add those businesses to the community map.
- Encourage your child to imagine a job he might like to do someday, draw himself in that business, and add it to the map.
- Remind him that people in communities like to work together, and they like to learn and play together too. Add parks and schools to the map!
- When he is happy with all the businesses and other places on his map, have him tape or glue the pieces down. He can also draw a smaller version of the map on a piece of drawing paper, using symbols for the different buildings and businesses.
- Save this map. It will be used again in Session 3 of *JA Our Community*.