



Pre-Visit Activity
Grade 3 Social Studies Program:
“City at Sea”

COMMUNITY HELPERS

Introduction: On these pages, you will see and read about some people who work within a community to make it a better place for everyone.

As you read, be thinking about people you know or have seen in your own community who do these jobs.

Ask yourself how these people are good citizens, How do they make their communities better? How do they show courage, caring, cooperation, respect, or responsibility?



CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

Construction workers build our homes and apartments, our schools and churches, our shops and stores. They also build and maintain or repair our roads and freeways. They have to be very strong and able to operate big machines. They usually work outside where it may be very hot or very cold.



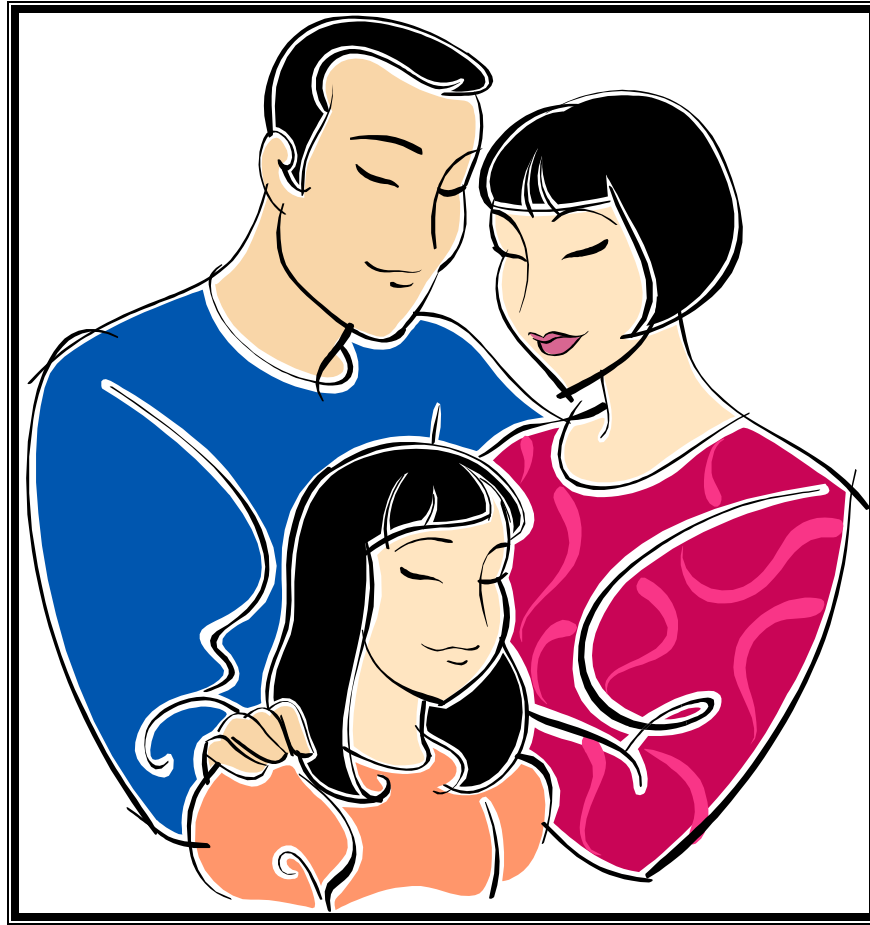
DOCTORS AND NURSES

Doctors and nurses help us to stay healthy. When we are sick or have had an accident, doctors and nurses make us well again. Sometimes they work in offices and sometimes they work in hospitals. They can perform tests, give us medicine, and do operations. Doctors and nurses save lives.



FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighters are the first people we call when a fire has broken out. They are trained to fight fires and to save our houses, our property, and our forests. They have to be very strong, sometimes carrying injured people away from a fire. They also have to be courageous, sometimes entering a burning building.



PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

You might not think of your parents and grandparents as “community helpers”, but they do a very important job . . . they take care of YOU! They go to work, and they work at home so that you have a nice place to live. They feed you and buy you things and take care of you. Most important of all . . . they love you!



JOURNALISTS

Journalists are people who work for a newspaper, a magazine, or a television station. Their job is to keep us informed about what is going on in the world. They go to fires, accidents, and special events, like sporting events. They interview people. Then they write stories to tell us about what has happened.



LIBRARIANS

Librarians can work in school libraries or in public libraries. Their main job is to make books and other materials available for people to read. They help you find a book and check it out for you. They also help you find information, like for a school report or project.



MAIL CARRIERS

Mail carriers deliver mail to homes and businesses six days a week. They must pick up mail, sort it, and make sure it gets to the right address. They work in all kinds of weather, no matter how hot or cold or rainy it is. They have to be able to walk a lot and not be afraid of big dogs who bark at them!



POLICE OFFICERS

Police officers help and protect the people in their community. They enforce the laws, trying to catch those people who have committed crimes or have broken the law. On the highways, they stop drivers who are going too fast and are a danger to other drivers. Police officers also help people, such as those who may be lost or have been in car accidents.



TEACHERS

A teacher's job is to educate young people. They teach literature, language, math, science, social studies, and other subjects. They explain these subjects so that their students can understand and learn. Some teachers teach in elementary school, some in high school, and some in college. They are smart and very patient.



YOU

You, too, can be a community helper. For one thing, you go to school so that you can grow up to be a responsible adult. You can also help by throwing trash away or by recycling the plastic, paper, and cans at your house. Maybe you can help neighbors by walking their dog or watering their lawn. What else could you do to be a helpful community member?