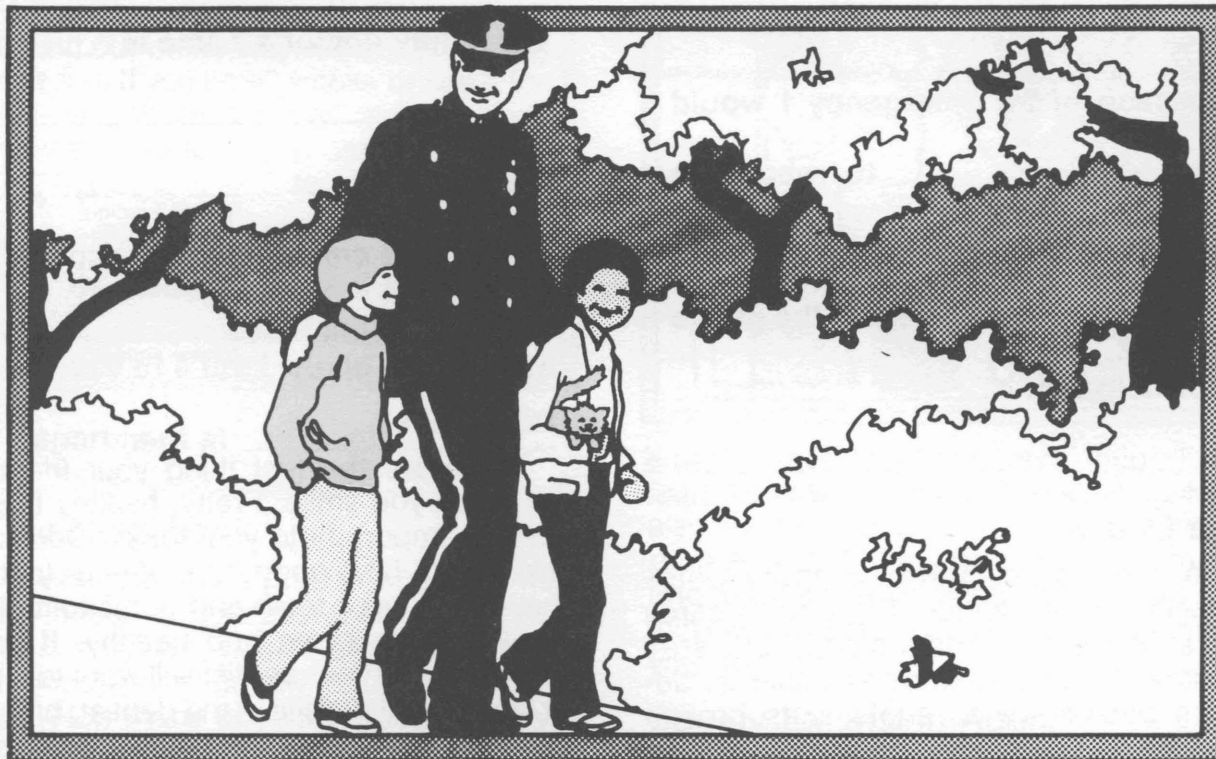


Making and Keeping Friends



LESSON 4 — FRIENDS ARE EVERYWHERE

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Look around your community. You have friends everywhere who serve the community. The men and women who make your town a better place to live are your friends. They provide many services that you and your family need and use.

Who are some of these community friends? How do they make your town a better place to live? Talk with your group about services these community helpers provide. How many of these friends do you know?

The Policeman

It is good to have the police around. It is their job to see that laws in your community are obeyed. You depend on the

police to protect you and your neighbors. Helping people who are lost, hurt or scared is a part of the policeman's job. They make your town a safer place to live.

In order to do his job, a policeman uses equipment such as a badge, gun, handcuffs, whistle, traffic tickets, notebook, flashlight and radio. Why do you think this equipment is important? What other equipment is important? What other equipment might the police need?

People are sometimes afraid of the police. Many people think they look big, tough and scary in a uniform. Police car sirens and flashing red lights can scare you at first. The sirens are a warning to watch out for the police car.

There may be a sheriff, deputy or highway patrolman in your community. They all enforce the law and keep your

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town safe. What do you know about the police in your town?

In case of an emergency I would call _____ to reach the police department.
(phone number)

The times I would call on the police for help are: _____
_____.

The Doctor

A respected friend in most communities is the doctor. The doctor cares for sick people and helps them stay healthy. A doctor examines patients, delivers babies, gives shots, sets broken bones and prescribes medicine.

If you need to see a doctor, you will probably need to call the office for an appointment. When a doctor examines you, he or she usually checks your throat, eyes, ears and nose; takes your temperature; and asks how you feel. If you are sick, the doctor may give you a shot or medicine to help you feel better.

Have you ever been to a doctor's office? How did the doctor help you?

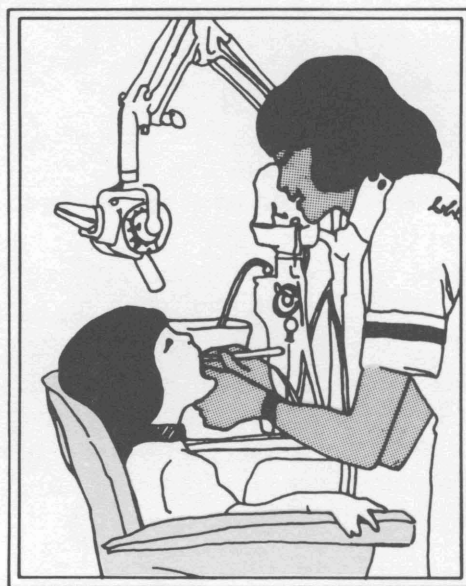


My family doctor's name is _____
_____.

I can call him at _____ in case of an emergency or I can call the hospital at _____
(phone number)

The Dentist

Teeth are the first thing your friends see when you smile. Pretty, healthy teeth are very important to your looks. Dentists help you to take good care of your teeth. They check your teeth and gums to make sure they are clean and healthy. If you have a cavity, your dentist will want to fill it for you. Regular visits to the dentist, brushing your teeth daily and not eating too many sweets help prevent toothaches and cavities.



The Fireman

Firemen are everyone's friends. They teach people how to prevent fires and how to fight fires. Firemen also check to find the causes of fires. Firemen can teach you what to do if a fire starts in your home, school or community.

You can help firemen do their job by staying out of the way when they are fighting a fire. If you smell smoke or see a fire in your neighborhood, call the fire department as quickly as you can. Tell them:

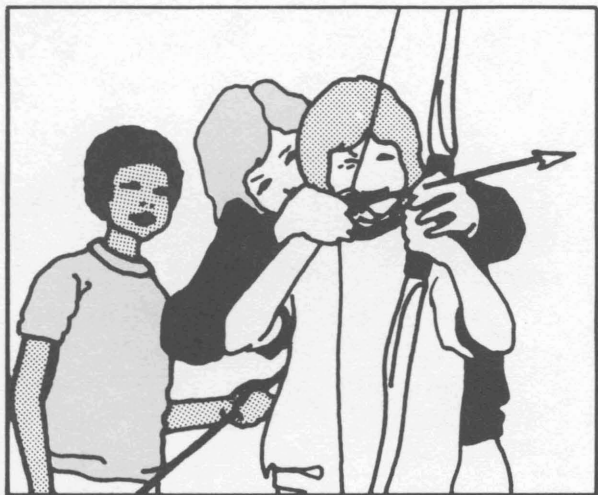
- who you are
- what you have seen
- the address where the fire is

In case of a fire I would call the fire department at _____
(phone number)

Your Neighbor

A neighbor is a person who lives near your house or apartment. Friends or relatives may be your neighbors. Many neighbors are friendly and interested in you. How many of your neighbors do you know? Can you call on any of your neighbors for help? Describe your friendliest neighbor here.

My neighbor is _____
(name)
He/she is my friend because _____



The Teacher

Teachers help you learn many new and interesting skills. Since you started to



school, your teachers have helped you learn to read, write and spell. You have also learned to work math and science problems, get along with your classmates and explore your community. Can you think of other reasons why your teacher is your friend?

County Extension Agent

County Extension agents also teach people, but they work all over the county, not in a classroom. Some county Extension agents work with 4-H clubs and other youth groups. They have projects such as *family life, foods and nutrition, bicycle safety, citizenship, wood science, beef, pet care, health, clothing and gardening*. County Extension agents teach boys and girls to have fun while learning about new interests and skills. They help many families and youth to have a better life.

The Newsmen

Newsmen are reporters. Their job is to keep you informed about what is happening in your community and around the world. You learn about current events through newspapers, on the radio and on television. Why is it important for you and your family to know what is happening in your community and around the world?

The Grocer

The grocer stocks and sells many different foods that you like to eat. Grocers sell vegetables, milk, bread, meat and other foods to people in your community.

Think of some of your favorite foods that you can buy at a grocery store. How many different foods found at the grocery store can your group name? What things can you buy at the grocery store that you do not eat?

The Preacher

The preacher is the leader of your church. One of the preacher's jobs is to teach church members the difference between right and wrong. There are probably many churches in your community. Churches have different names for religious leaders, such as *pastor, preacher, brother, sister, rabbi, minister, father or reverend*. The churches in your town have different beliefs and practices. Yet they all depend on their leaders to conduct worship and direct the religious activities for the churches.

What Do You Think?

Think of all the different services these friends in your community provide. What would it be like if you had no one to protect you from fires, robbery or illness? What would you do if there was no place to shop for your food? How would you spend your time? Where would you learn if there were no schools, churches, television, newspapers or radios? How would it feel to be the only person living in your area? Without neighbors, there would be no one to talk with and no one with whom you could share your time and interests.

Community helpers are important to you. They make your town a better place because they provide goods and services your family needs and wants.

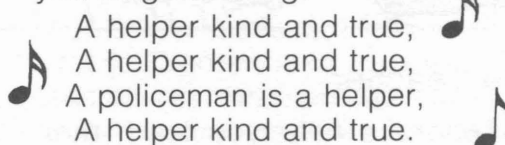
Things To Do

To learn more about the people in your community, your group might do one of the following.

1. Invite one or more of these community helpers to speak to your group. Find out more about their jobs and

why they like doing this kind of work. Here are some questions to get you started.

- Where do you work?
 - What kind of tools or equipment do you need to do your job?
 - What do you like about your job?
 - What kind of training did you have to do this job?
2. Write a letter to one of the community helpers to learn more about his job. You will need to put the following information in your letter:
 - The date you are writing the letter
 - Your return address
 - The address of the person to whom you are writing
 - A greeting such as "Dear Mr. Jones,"
 - Information in the body of the letter such as:
 - why you are writing the letter,
 - questions you have about the person's job,
 - how you plan to use the information,
 - thanks to the person for helping you with your study of community friends.
 - Closing such as "Sincerely yours," and
 - Your name
 3. Learn a new friendship song using this verse. Add other verses, about community helpers if you wish. Make up your own tune and clap as you sing the song.


 A helper kind and true,
 A helper kind and true,
 A policeman is a helper,
 A helper kind and true.

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