

Community Helpers: Outcomes and activities

God is a Servant Foundation Year

Spiritual Awareness: Jesus, the willing and obedient servant

Following the example of Jesus, students will learn the definition of a servant, and learn about people in the community who serve us, such as doctors, nurses, firemen and police. Serving through “the Great Commission”, going out to tell people about Jesus, will also be studied. We will look at missionaries who serve by going to different countries, and Bible translators who translate the Bible into different languages.

Values: Our response to 'God is a Servant'

- **Service:** follow the example of Jesus, the greatest servant
- **Helpfulness:** being willing to help others and put others before our own
- **Appreciation** of our family members

Outcomes: Students will

- understand what it means to be a servant
- understand the roles of doctors, nurses, firemen and other community servants
- appreciate the work of missionaries who go to another country to serve

Key Questions

What is a servant?

Who serves in our home?

Who serves in our community?

What jobs do they do?

Why is it sometimes hard to be a servant?

What would it be like to go to another country to be a servant for Jesus?

Can you be a servant?

Activities

Community Helpers: doctors, nurses, police, shop assistants, transport workers

When God made people, He had a plan for us to live and work together, to help one another and care for each other. A community is a group of families living close by and sharing some things together. There are some people in our community who give us special help. They are called community ‘servants’. A servant is a helper. We can all be servants. How can we be servants?

Fire fighters

What do firefighters do?

How could a fire start?

How do they put out the fire?

What equipment do they use?

What do they drive to the fire?

What do they wear?

Poem: (Act it out)

Five little fire fighters (*hold up 5 fingers*)

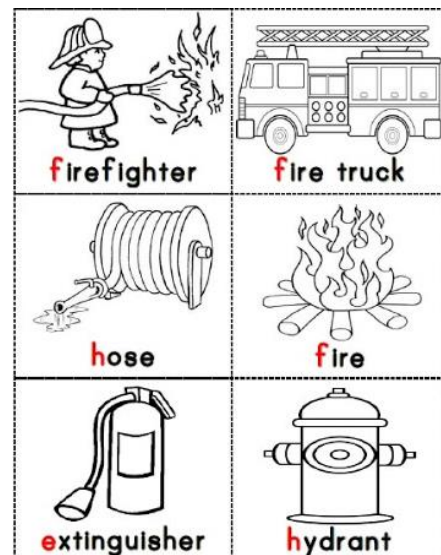
sleeping in their beds, (*head on hands pretending to sleep*)

Off went the siren.

To the station they went. (*Get dressed quickly.*)

They rushed to the fire and put out all the flames, (*Squirt hose*)

Then 5 little fire fighters went back to bed again. (*head on hands again, sleeping*)



Doctors and nurses

What is a servant? A person who helps others

If we feel sick or get hurt, we go to the doctor, or sometimes to hospital. A doctor can find what's wrong by asking you questions and listening to your heart (have a toy stethoscope for the children to try listening through.) They may take your temperature (show thermometer).

In hospitals and doctor's rooms, everything has to be very clean, to keep germs away. Doctors sometimes wear a face-mask (make one from paper or cloth and elastic.)

Help the student to make a doctor or nurse uniform, and to make a pretend doctor's kit.

Have some bandages or cloth cut up into strips, to bandage their dolls or teddies.

The Dentist

Some foods are good for our teeth and some are not so good.

There are some foods that germs like when they stick to our teeth ... foods that are made of sugar, or have sugar in them. What does sugar taste like?

The germs eat the sugar on our teeth, but they don't stop there. They eat our teeth as well! And they make little holes in our teeth. The little holes turn into big holes, and ouch! Oh! What pain! We have a toothache!

How can the dentist help?

He can find a little hole with his little magnifying instrument. He can clean out the little hole with his drill. Then he can fill up the hole with very hard white stuff.

If the hole is too big, he will have to pull out the tooth.

How can we stop getting little holes?

We can only eat sugary foods or drinks now and again – not often – and if we do eat sugary foods, we eat an apple or carrot straight after, to get rid of the sugar. When we are at home, we can go and clean our teeth.

Which foods are bad for our teeth?

Which foods are good for our teeth?

Why should we visit the dentist, even if we don't have a toothache?

Tooth brushing

Set out plastic bottle cap lids (white if possible), toothpaste, a bowl of water and a toothbrush.

Classification of pictures of foods that are good/bad for teeth.

Make a mouth with teeth from play dough or cardboard.



Missionaries

Missionaries are people who go to another country to serve God. They help the people in that country. Some are doctors and nurses. Some go to tell the people about Jesus.

People in many countries speak a different language to ours.

How can a missionary tell people about Jesus if they don't speak the language of the country they go to?

They can learn a new language, or they can find a servant in that country who knows our language. That person can listen to the missionary, and then say the words in the language the people know. This person is called an 'interpreter'.

Some missionaries write the Bible in different languages, so that people all over the world can read the message of Jesus in their own language.

Learn to say "Hello" and some simple phrases in another language.