



Unit 2: My Community

Week 5: If I Were A...



LENGTH OF AT-HOME ACTIVITY: 10 to 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED: The book *Career Day* by Anne Rockwell and Lizzy Rockwell and a pencil or crayon

ACTIVITY STEPS:

TALK about the book *Career Day* with your preschooler, reminding him or her that you read it together last week. Ask your child to tell you what he or she remembers about the story.

ASK QUESTIONS. Ask and wait 3-5 seconds for an answer. Example questions:

What did we talk about the last time we read this book?

What was your favorite part of the book?

SING with your preschooler! Make up hand motions to go with the verses. For extra fun, you can even try making up new verses!

If I were a baker
What would I do?
Bake lots of cookies
For me and you!

If I were a veterinarian,
What would I do?
Care for your pet
Who's special to you.

If I were a hair dresser
What would I do?
Wash and trim your hair!
"Oh, pretty!" for you!

If I were a secretary,
What would I do?
Answer the phone,
And say "How do you do?"

If I were a dentist,
What would I do?
Check those teeth,
It's good for you!

READ *Career Day* with your child. **HAVE FUN** and have your preschooler help you read the book! Allow him or her to tell you the story if they can remember as you look at the pages, or ask him or her to sound out words on the page and point out letters he or she knows!

PLAY / Spy with the book! Choose a letter or object and have your child find it on the page.

REFLECT on the story and the things you learned together. Ask questions; for example:

Can you think of some jobs that weren't in the story? What other jobs are there?

What kinds of jobs did we see in the pictures?

Which job from the story do you think you'd like to have? Why? Which job would you not like to have? Why not?

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY: Pretend-play different careers with your preschooler! This will help him or her test out different roles and explore his or her interests.

WRITING EXTENSION: On the back of this page, help your preschooler make a list of all of the people he or she knows and what jobs those people have. You can count the different types of jobs with your preschooler.