

# Who Are Community Helpers?

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## Introduction Questions

- Who are community helpers?
- Why are community helpers important?
- Where do community helpers work?

## Bible

- Read 1 Peter 4:8–11.
- Read through the lesson of [using our gifts](#) from Ministry to Children.

## Books to Read

- *Helpers in my Community* by Bobbie Kalman, ISBN 9780778794448  
This book talks about what a community is, who community helpers are, what communities need, and who helps to fill those needs. It discusses builders, electricians, plumbers, teachers, librarians, crossing guards, school bus drivers, nurses, principals, caretakers, medical helpers, dentists, paramedics, firefighters, police officers, and volunteers.
- *Jobs of a Preschooler* by Brigitte Brulz, ISBN 978-1545530719  
There are many jobs a parent may do throughout his or her day. A parent may be a chef (someone has to make the meals to eat), a teacher (learning doesn't happen only at school), and a driver (for all those places where walking would take way too long). But parents aren't the only ones with these jobs—preschoolers may do them, too! Join a busy preschooler as she experiences many jobs throughout her day. Is it work, or is it play? This book has only one sentence per page and rhyming text. Free coloring pages to go along with this book are available [here](#).
- *Show Me: Community Helpers* by Clint Edwards, ISBN 9781620659182  
This book includes police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, doctors,

nurses, pharmacists, dentists and hygienists, veterinarians, teachers, librarians, school bus drivers, cafeteria workers, construction workers, and electric utility workers. Each community helper section offers vocabulary words that go along with that community helper. For example, the police officer section talks about what police officers do and defines a fingerprint, crime, jail, holster, police car, siren, flashlight, two-way radio, badge, and handcuffs.

- *Whose Coat Is This?* by Laura Purdie Salas, ISBN 1404815988

Throughout the book, the reader is asked whose coat is being shown closeup with a one-line description. The answer is then found on the next page along with more of a description of how the coat is just right for the job it is used for. The “coats” shown in this book include an artist’s smock, judge’s robe, soldier’s jacket, mail carrier’s coat, ski patroller’s jacket, doctor’s lab coat, firefighter’s coat, and your coat. The end includes a quick quiz to see what you have learned about three of the coats.

- *Whose Gloves Are These?* by Laura Purdie Salas, ISBN 1404815996

Throughout the book, the reader is asked whose gloves are being shown closeup with a one-line description. The answer is then found on the next page along with more of a description of how the gloves are just right for the job they are used for. The gloves shown include a zookeeper’s glove, baseball player’s glove, dentist’s glove, mountain guide’s glove, gardener’s glove, welder’s gloves, housekeeper’s glove, and your winter mittens. The end includes a quick quiz to see what you have learned about three of the gloves.

- *Whose Hat Is This?* by Sharon Katz Cooper, ISBN 1404816003

Throughout the book, the reader is asked whose hat is being shown closeup with a one-line description. The answer is then found on the next page along with more of a description of how the hat is just right for the job it is used for. The hats shown include a firefighter’s helmet, beekeeper’s hat, chef’s hat, police officer’s cap, football player’s helmet, astronaut’s helmet, construction worker’s hard hat, and your hat. The end includes a quick quiz to see what you have learned about three of the hats.

- *Whose Shoes Are These?* by Laura Purdie Salas, ISBN 1404816011

Throughout the book, the reader is asked whose shoes are being shown closeup with a one-line description. The answer is then found on the next page along with more of a description of how the shoes are just right for the job they are used for. The shoes shown include underwater photographer’s flippers, park ranger’s field boots, athlete’s basketball shoes, construction worker’s steel-toed boots, ballerina’s pointe shoes, fisherman’s knee-high rubber boots, astronaut’s space boots, and your sneakers. The end includes a quick quiz to see what you have learned about three of the shoes.

- *Who Will I Be?* by Abby Huntsman, ISBN 9780062840042

The teacher in Isabel’s class asks what the students want to be when they are older, but

Isabel doesn't know. Her dad has her think about what makes her happy. She enjoys helping others but doesn't think there is a job for a helper, so her dad shows her some of the helpers in her community: a teacher, crossing guard, veterinarian, someone in the military, policeman, librarian, activist, gardener, garbage man, pastor, journalist, fireman, and mayor (her mother). She still doesn't know specifically which job she wants to have when she grows up, but she decides she does want to be a helper.

### **Math**

- Practice addition and subtraction with [this download](#).

### **Writing**

- Complete [this community helper mini-booklet](#).
- This [community helper handout](#) can be completed for each community helper you learn about throughout this study. Add new pages for each community helper.

### **Art/Snack/Activity**

- Match the tools with the community helper on [this sheet](#).
- Go on a community helper [scavenger hunt](#).
- Put together a [community helpers booklet](#).

### **Closing Questions**

- What did you learn about community helpers?
- Which community helper would you like to learn more about?