A Preschool Curriculum



COMMUNITY HELPERS



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HOW TO USE THIS CURRICULUM

I'm so excited that you've chosen Rabbit Trails Through Literature to use in your homeschool! This curriculum is a literature based, relaxed curriculum for preschool. What this means is that it's not designed to have lots of busy work. It's designed to provide quality literature for your child, social skills, opportunities to get hands on, and Bible studies for your child.

Rabbit Trails through Literature was created with homeschooling adventures in mind. Not only will we be covering Preschool skills, but Rabbit Trails will take you into studies about community helpers, using books to lead the way. This curriculum is meant to be used on *your* child's level. It's not meant to have boxes checked off each day, but to do what works for your unique family. When it comes to letters and numbers, there are suggestions given, but take what you need and leave the rest. If your child isn't at the level of the suggestions, then create what works for them. Same thing if they're capable of beyond what is recommended. Make this curriculum your own!

Rabbit Trails through Literature is a full Preschool curriculum covering community helpers, letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. There are 10 lessons designed to take two weeks each to cover, making it a 20 week curriculum. Feel free to take it as fast or as slow as you'd like. You can stretch it out and take your time, or speed it up to get done in just a few months. Your child is your own, your homeschool is your own, feel free to make this curriculum your own!

I encourage you to enjoy reading as many of the books listed in this curriculum as you can! Quality literature is the framework of this curriculum. The main 10 books are all about Community Helpers, helping your child begin to learn about the world around them.

However, don't become overwhelmed with purchasing these books if you don't have the means. Many can be found at libraries, on used book websites, etc. The books listed in the Rabbit Trails and Library Lists are just suggestions. Use what books you have on hand or find at your own library on the topic! If you do choose to buy all of the books, you can access them all in my shop. **You can also access all of the links, YouTube videos, and more in the Resource Page in the back of this curriculum.**

PRACTICING THE ALPHABET

As you may have noticed, there are suggested letters, numbers, shapes, and colors to practice each week. This is merely a suggestion, but gives your preschooler the chance to become familiar with these as they work throughout the year. Introduce them all to your child, then there will be More Ideas on how to use them in each lesson. A fun way to practice letters is with the dot pages provided in this curriuclum. While all letters are provided, not all letters are suggested in each lesson, so add them as you see fit. The goal is not memorization, but familiarity. Practice singing the ABCs often and not putting pressure on your child to learn their alphabet. The more fun you make it, the more willing they will be to learn. Memorization will come with time and maturity.

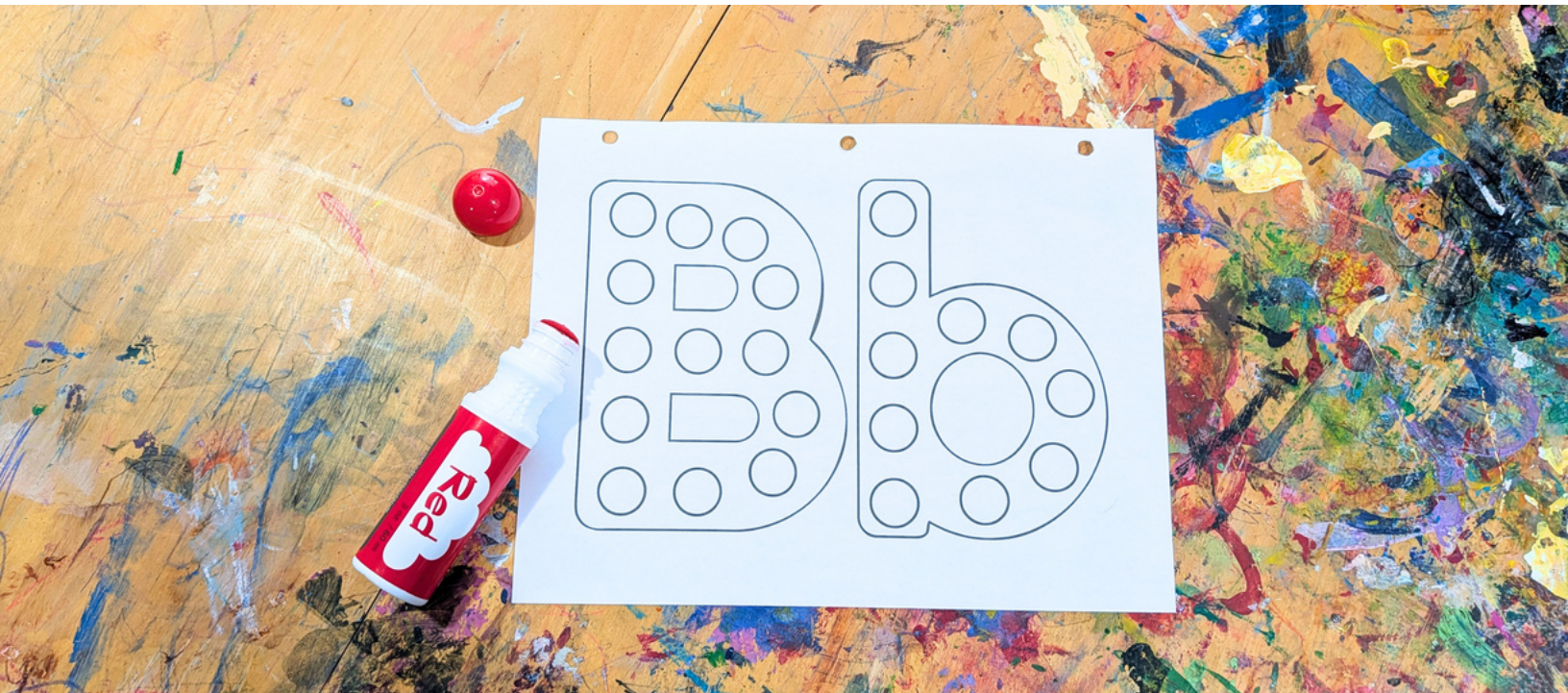
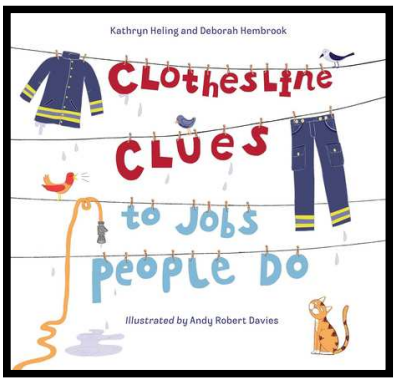
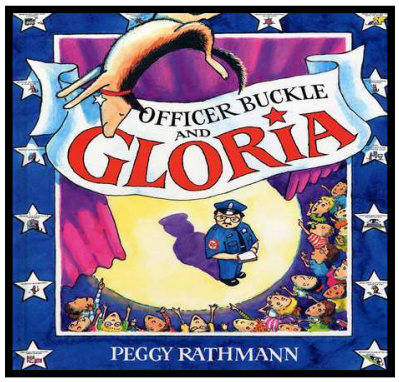
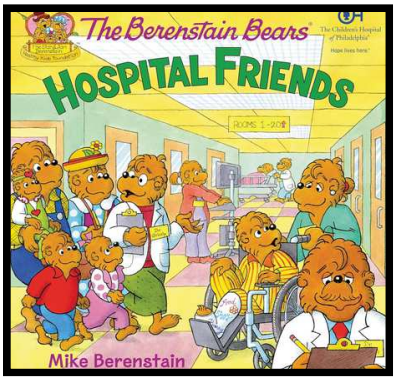


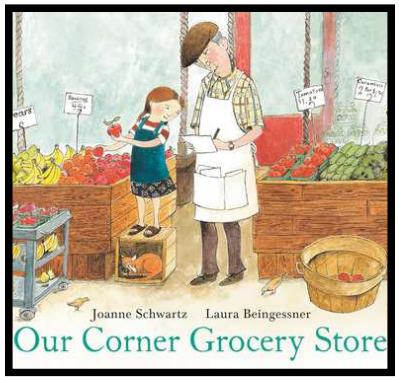
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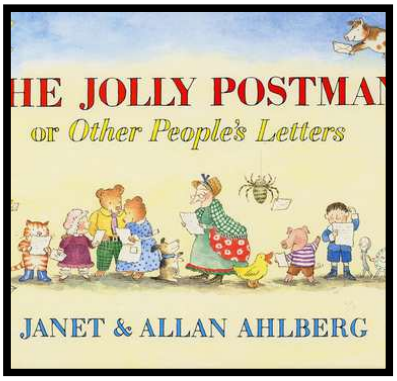




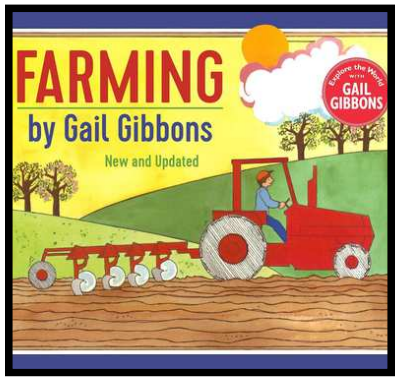


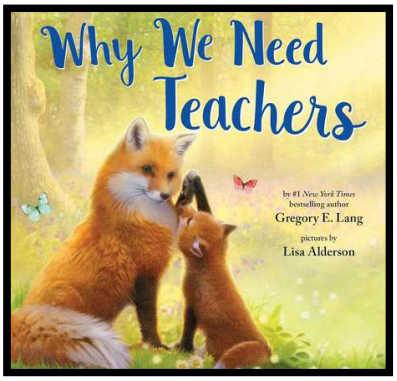


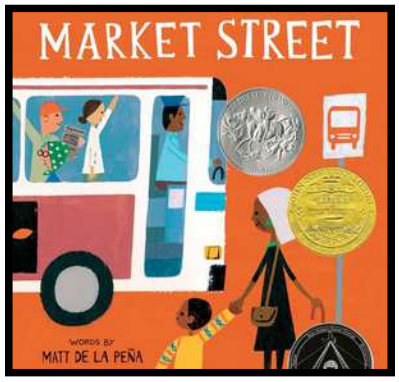













WHAT IS A
COMMUNITY
HELPER?



Begin by reading Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do. Community Helpers are the special people who work in our towns and neighborhoods to help keep everyone safe, healthy, and happy! From firefighters and police officers to teachers, doctors, mail carriers, and more, community helpers do important jobs that make our world a better place. Let's discover who they are, what they do, and how we can thank them for all their hard work! Have fun as we take a look at many of these people over the next couple of weeks.



Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
-Hebrews 13:16

Community helpers are people who help around your community. They live out this verse because they are helpers, and often share their talents and things that they have in order to make your community a better place. Pray to God and thank Him for giving you the different people in your community who make it a wonderful place to live!



Letters: Review the Alphabet
Number: 1
Shape: Square
Color: Rainbow (Roy G Biv)

SAMPLE

Create a town out of blocks and set up your community! You can make signs for the police station, fire station, grocery store, church, etc. If you want something that will last longer, you can create a felt neighborhood that is great to pull out again and again to use with dolls and cars. (You can review the square shape by situating your neighborhood in the shape of a square)

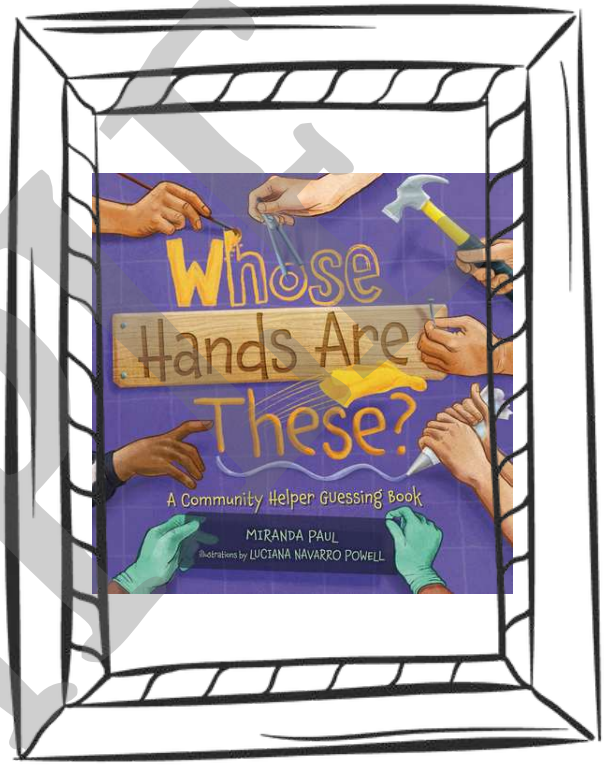
Supplies needed:
-Blocks
-Felt (optional)



SAMPLE

RABBIT trails...

Let's learn about even more community helpers. Start with Whose Hands Are These? by Miranda Paul.





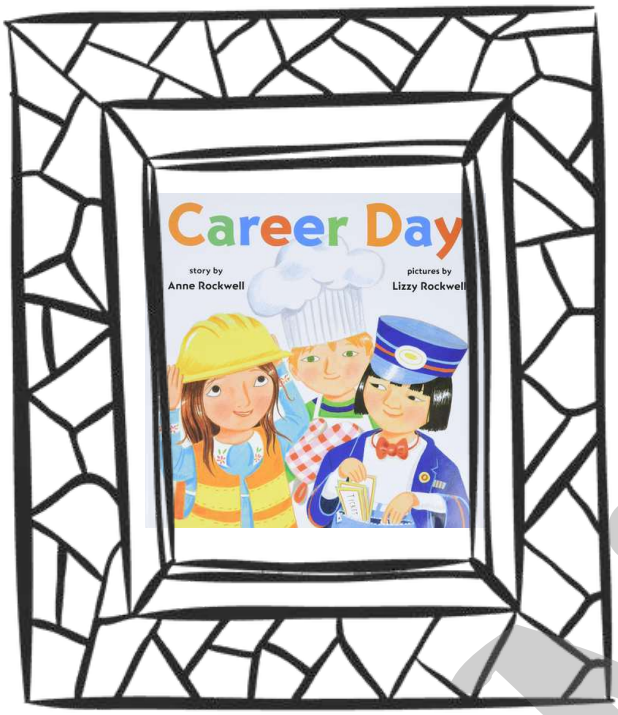
Reading time! Continue reading with C is for Community Helpers by Bitty Bee Books.

Sing along with this fun song about many of the community helpers you'll be learning about. Watch Alphabet Occupations on Bounce Patrol-Kids Songs YouTube channel.

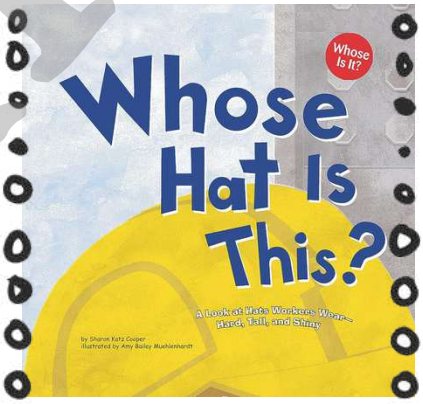
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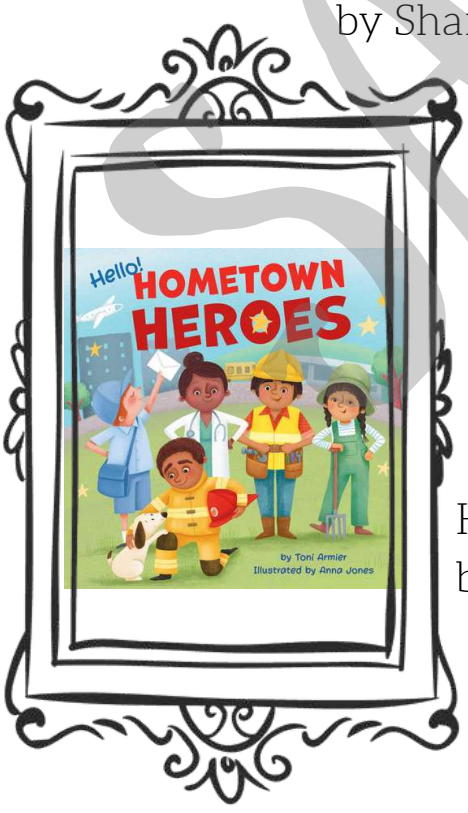
LIBRARY list...

Career Day
by Anne Rockwell



Whose Hat is This?
by Sharon Katz Cooper





Hello! Hometown Heroes
by Toni Armier

SAMPLE



-What do you want to be when you grow up? Choose a community helper job and role play! Dress up, do some jobs your helper may do, and be a community helper for a day.

-Melissa and Doug has great community helper wooden dolls. You can change the doll's clothes to fit many different roles. This would be a great prop to use throughout the unit. There are also several inexpensive/free paper version you can find online, or make your own out of paper.

-Listen to the song People in Your Neighborhood from Sesame Street.

-Look for Touch-A-Truck events throughout the year while you're working on this unit. You will have the opportunity to see construction trucks, fire trucks, etc. at these events so children can get up close and personal with some of these vehicles.

-As you play with your neighborhood that you make from the Some Fun activity, point out people, places, and things that have just 1. One library, one tree, one mail carrier, etc.

SAMPLE