

# ideas by the Bushel



Let's learn about community helpers with these activities picked just for you!



**“Who are the people in your neighborhood?”** This well-known question is from a line in a song you may remember Mr. Rogers singing on his PBS show “Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood”. What better way to learn about community helpers than meeting the people in your child’s neighborhood!

**1<sup>st</sup>** create a Bingo card by cutting out pictures of community helpers in magazines and books. Firefighters, mail carriers, doctors, nurses, police officers, grocery store clerks, sanitation workers, bus drivers, and more! Glue the pictures into pre-drawn squares on a large sheet of paper!

**2<sup>nd</sup>** plan some field trips throughout your community to let your child meet the people in their neighborhood. Some places may be walking distance from your home. Some community helpers may come to your house- such as the mail carrier or the sanitation worker. You may have to drive to some places or even take a bus (that’s a great way to meet a bus driver!) Each time your child meets a new community helper have them ask exactly what they do in their job and if it would be okay to take their photograph. Also,

**3<sup>rd</sup>** print the photos and place them in small Ziploc baggies. Take index cards and write a simple question about each community helper. For example, “Who makes people feel better?” Place each index card in Ziploc baggies, as well. Then, make sure each question is in the baggie before the correct photo of a community helper. Next, punch holes on the corners of the bags and tie them together using pipe cleaners or yarn. Now, your child has a flipbook of all the community helpers in their neighborhood and a pretty fun guessing game, too!