

# Careers for Me Role Playing Kit

## Activity Masters



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# To the Teacher

As educators prepare students for the workforce, attention is being turned towards the youngest of our students to begin the process of career education.

A good *career awareness* program in primary grades should involve some of the following:

- An expanding awareness of the variety of jobs available
- An awareness that the job of a student is to prepare for the world of work.
- Exposure to the idea of job “clusters” or “pathways”.
- Awareness of people’s differences in talents, abilities, likes and dislikes.
- Growing awareness of students’ own talents, abilities, likes and dislikes.
- An understanding that every student’s skills and interests will evolve as they grow.
- Learning about setting goals and techniques for setting goals.
- Learning about time management.

The activities in this kit can be modified to meet any of the goals the teacher has set to accomplish. The students should have fun while choosing their puppet or hat to color.

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# Careers for Me Role-Playing Kit

## Teacher's Notes

Included in this kit:

- 20 Puppet masters (musician, waiter, dentist, emergency medical technician, doctor, police officer, firefighter, painter, plumber, photographer, teacher, female business person, male business person, florist, farmer, baker, mail carrier, veterinarian, construction worker, artist)
- 13 Hat masters (mail carrier, reporter, emergency medical technician, nurse, painter, railroad conductor, snorkler/marine biologist, construction worker, gardener/nursery worker, chef, artist, firefighter, police officer)

Activities

## Materials to acquire:

Popsicle sticks or tongue depressors

Crayons and/or markers

Any additional items that can be used to decorate puppets and hats

Scissors

Glue sticks or paste

Theater(s) for some activities\*

This kit is designed for primary grade students to give them an awareness of the world of work. They will pick jobs that appeal to them, color, create and think about ideas that are perhaps new to them.

Our goal was to provide a variety of activities to fit most programs and time constraints. We welcome activity suggestions to be posted on our website to help other teachers and counselors. Email your ideas to: <mailto:info@careerkids.com>

**\* This set of masters was originally offered with a desktop cardboard theater. Use of a theater is optional.**

# Sing-a-long

## **Materials needed:**

Each student should have at least one completed puppet.

## **Activity:**

Sing to the tune of *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*:

*Musician, waiter, dentist, florist.*

*Emergency medical technician, artist.*

*Doctor, firefighter painter, plumber, photographer, teacher construction worker  
who's busy during the summer!*

*Business person, farmer, baker, too.*

*Mail carrier, police officer and veterinarian who works in the zoo.*

As the teacher sings, children will stand and hold up their puppet (or stay sitting and hold up their puppet) when the job title of their puppet is sung.

Go through the song for the first time singing it slowly. Sing it two or three more times, picking up the pace so the children are standing up quickly.

Children may want to try and make up some of their own songs to the same or different tunes.

# Why Do People Work?

## **Materials needed:**

Each student should have at least one completed puppet or hat.

## **Activity:**

This exercise helps children understand the many reasons for working. Have the students sit on the floor in a circle. You can start the discussion in different ways. One effective way is to start with yourself. Why did you become a teacher? Was it for the money, the schedule, the opportunity to help people, work with children, learn something new everyday, etc?

Go around the room and ask each student to give a reason why people work. They will come up with some unique reasons! Write each reason on the chalkboard. Don't be too hesitant to provide guidance as the child answers the question. Then ask the child which occupation their puppet/hat represents and why they picked that job. Do they know anyone with that job?