



Business and Government Jobs

After watching the *JA Our Community* Lesson 3 volunteer video session, reinforce the learning in the lesson by having your child sort public and private goods and services.

Materials

- Lined paper
- Pen or pencil
- Two different colored highlighters or markers
- Community map created in Session 1
- Set of star or smiley stickers (optional)

Activity

Guide your child through the following steps:

- Together, create a list some of the buildings and businesses in your town. Encourage your child to think of places he likes to go, such as the ball field, park, library, movie theater, or pet store. Include as many as possible to fill up the page.
- Remind your child that when you shop at stores, you pay a sales tax. That tax money goes to the government to pay for the public services we all use.
- Using two different colors, have him highlight the public buildings or spaces (such as schools, city hall, parks, and the library) in one color and the privately owned businesses or spaces (such as a shoe store or the local gym) in another color.
- If you still have your community map from Session 1, note the spaces on the map paid for by the government. To illustrate how our taxes help pay for the things everyone in the community uses, have your child place coins on a few of the stores or private places then move them to the community spaces. Alternatively, he could use star or smiley stickers to mark the government services.