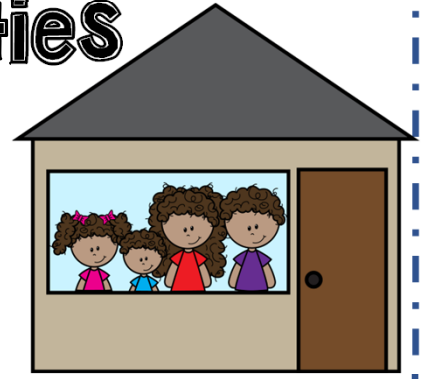


## 3

# Families and Communities



In every community, families play an important role. They are not just groups of people living together but they also help make a community a better place for everyone. When families participate in their communities, they create a better place that benefits everyone. Families are like teams where each team can do something to help out. Some families grow food in gardens. They share this food with others or at markets. They can help keep the trash out of gardens and public places. Families can also help by volunteering together. Whether it's helping out at local food banks, cleaning up parks, or reading to the elderly, or helping at a library, these activities make a community better. Volunteering helps teach children about the importance of helping out. Families from different backgrounds can share their cultures through festivals and art shows. This helps others to learn about the different people in the community and to develop respect and understanding. When families buy at local businesses, they help the local community do well. This support can lead to more jobs in the community. Simple acts of kindness, like helping a neighbor in need and helping with safety programs, can go a long way in building a friendly and safe community. Family members can lead by example by doing things like recycling drives, community gardens, and carpooling to help commit to a healthier place.

A community can become a great place to live because it's full of caring people who look out for each other.

1. Read the passage about "Families and Communities".
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

**1. In every community:**

- a. Families have to work.
- b. Families must volunteer.
- c. Families play an important role.

**2. When families participate in their communities it benefits?**

- a. older people
- b. the children
- c. everyone

**3. What does volunteering teach children?**

- a. importance of helping out
- b. importance of being in a community
- c. importance of reading to the elderly

**4. Simple acts of kindness help build a:**

- a. happy community
- b. volunteering community
- c. friendly and safe community

**5. What do caring people do?**

- a. pick up the trash
- b. look out for each other
- c. share their cultures

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## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why is it important for families to share their cultures with the community?
  2. How can working together in your community make a difference?
  3. Explain what the main idea in this reading passage is.
  4. Describe how family members can help out.
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- What are some things your family can do to take care of the earth?
  - If you could plan a community event, what would it be?
  - When have you helped somebody? How did it make you feel? How did it make them feel?
  - How would your community change if everyone was kind all the time?