

Central NC JA - Elementary Program

Our Families

Small children like to do things by themselves. But as children grow, they discover that our society--our economy--depends on people working together. And it all starts with the people with whom we live. JA volunteers use a combination of pictures, stickers, and flashcards to engage students in lessons about needs and wants, jobs, tools and skills, and interdependence.



Our Families

Skills

Analyzing information · Decision making · Differentiating · Drawing · Following directions · Interpreting symbols · Listening responsively · Making observations · Map reading · Matching · Teamwork

Concepts

Business · Choices · Consumers · Economic institutions · Employment · Family · Incentives · Income · Interdependence · Jobs · Needs · Resources · Scarcity · Skills · Tools · Voluntary exchange · Wants · Work

Our Families Lesson Plan

The Lesson Plan for *Our Families* is designed to provide practical information about family members and their interdependence. The learning objectives listed beside each activity state the skills and knowledge the students will gain.

Activity One: Our Families

The students better understand what a family is by studying a poster. They discover how people in a family are alike and different and how they work together to make the place where they live a good place.

Key Learning Objectives

The students will:

- identify what a family is
- recognize how people live and work together in a family

Activity Two: Our Families' Needs and Wants

The students become aware that all families must have food, clothing, and shelter to live, and they begin to understand the difference between a need and a want.

Key Learning Objectives

The students will:

- explain the difference between a need and a want

Activity Three: Our Families' Jobs

The students learn how jobs provide for family members' *needs* and *wants*. They draw pictures of family members doing jobs.

Key Learning Objectives

The students will:

- define a job as work that needs to be done
- identify jobs people do

Activity Four: Finding Our Families' Needs and Wants

The students use a floor map to discover where members of a family would go to obtain their needs and wants.

Key Learning Objectives

The students will:

- interpret map symbols
- place various kinds of symbols for businesses and services on a map
- recognize how family members depend on various businesses to provide their needs and wants

Activity Five: Paying for Our Families' Needs and Wants

The students learn about the importance of working to pay for needs and wants. Through role play, they demonstrate working and paying for needs and wants.

Key Learning Objectives

The students will:

- describe various jobs at which people earn money
- recognize that families use money to satisfy their needs and wants.