

Community Helpers

Good People
Everywhere



Learn it

Police officers are in our community not only to help people, but also to keep people safe by making sure everyone follows the rules. Sometimes we see police officers directing traffic and even solving crimes. Ask your little ones what else they think a police officer might do.



Make it

We can recognize a police officer because they all wear a uniform with a police badge. Using neutral colored card stock, cut out the badge shape for each child. Children can use their own imagination and an assortment of materials to decorate their badge.



Eat it

A police officer makes sure that we follow the traffic light rules. Make your own edible traffic lights using red, yellow, and green fruits and vegetables. Examples might be red strawberries, yellow bananas and green grapes or red peppers, yellow squash and green broccoli.



Imagine it

In addition to adding a police hat and uniform to your dramatic play station, set up a little mystery for the children to solve. The children can use magnifying glasses and even brushes to resemble finger print brushes to solve the crime. An example of this might be who took the carrots from the garden? Have rabbit footprints leading from the garden into the room. The children can follow the footprints and look for other clues like bits of carrot (orange paper) or garden mud (brown paper) to lead them to the stuffed bunny you have hidden.

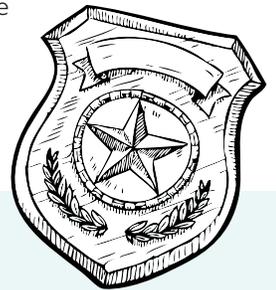
Read it

There are various books that your children will love about police officers. Start with *Policeman Small* by Lois Lenke and Richard Scarry's *A Day at the Police Station* to learn about all of the duties a police officer might do on a workday.



Move it

When learning about police officers it is a great time to use two old-fashioned games to get the children to move: Red Light, Green Light and Tag. Red Light, Green Light is a game played with one person as the traffic light and the other children on the opposite side. The traffic light calls out green light and the children start running towards the light, freezing when the traffic light calls out red light. This repeats until one of the children reach the traffic light. For police man tag, one child will be the officer and try to catch the others. When the officer tags another child, that child has to sit out for court. After the officer has caught all of the others, a new officer is chosen.



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BECOME AN OFFICER OF THE LAW

