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Work to Do!

One warm, sunny day in July, Lily and Ben quickly ate their breakfast. They were excited to get outside and play with their friends. When the last of their cereal and juice was done, they cleared their dishes and started out the door.



“Wait!” their mother called. “You both need to clean up your rooms before you may go out to play.”

Ben and Lily both started up the stairs. Each week the two children had chores they had to do. Their mother explained to them that each member of their family had jobs they had to do to help out. Their mother made dinner and their father washed the dishes. Their father cut the grass and their mother raked the lawn. Ben and Lily had to empty the dishwasher, keep their rooms clean and take care of their dog, Sparky. Their parents always told them that when everyone helps, things get done quickly and everyone does their share!



Section 1 - Family Roles & Responsibilities: Gr. 1 Fiction

Family Roles

Every person in a family has an important role. Parents are in charge of making lots of decisions. Parents choose what to eat, what rules to follow and when bedtime is. Parents also have to work to make money and pay bills. Children have important jobs too. Their most important jobs are to do well in school and be nice to others. Children also have such chores around the house as cleaning their rooms and feeding pets. Some children live with their grandparents, aunts or uncles. Everyone has an important role to play. When each person does their job everyone is happy!



Section 1 - Family Roles & Responsibilities: Gr. 1 Non-fiction

Name: _____

Work to Do!



1. Fill in the blanks.

- a) Lily and Ben were excited to get outside and _____ with their friends.
- b) Ben and Lily had _____ they needed to do before going outside.
- c) One of their father's jobs is to _____.
- d) Ben and Lily's parents told them if everyone helps things get done _____.

2. **Match** the characters with the job that they do.

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| a) Ben and Lily | Rake the grass |
| b) Mother | Wash the dishes |
| c) Father | Take care of Sparky |

Name: _____

Family Roles

Use the word bank to answer the following questions.



Doing well in school

Paying bills

Feeding pets

Parents

When everyone does their job

1. What are parents in charge of?

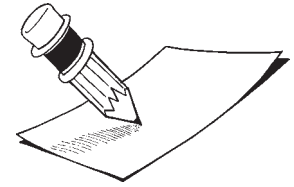
2. What is a child's most important job?

3. What other jobs do children do?

4. When is everyone happy?

5. Who chooses when bedtime is?

Name: _____



I Am a Good Helper

1. Make a **list** of jobs you have around your house. Put a star beside the job you like best!



Remember to number your list!

2. **Draw** a picture of you doing your favourite job.

