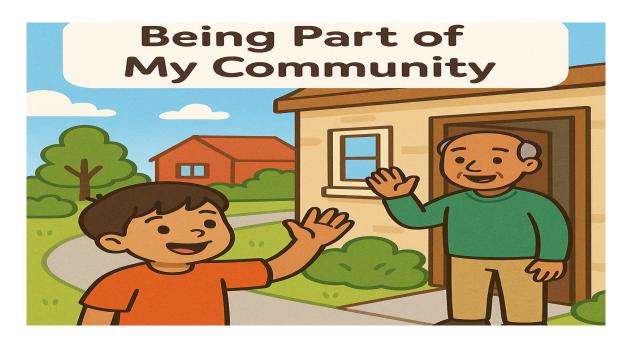
# SocialTales Social Story

# **Being Part of My Community**

Social Skill: Community Reading Level: Intermediate

Type: Everyday Approach: Explicit



I live in a community. A community is a group of people who are nearby, like the people in my neighborhood, my classmates at school, or the members of my sports team. Everyone in a community can help each other to make it a better place.

Sometimes, I see my neighbors outside. I can say hello to them and ask how they are. Saying hello is a friendly way to make others feel welcome. When I see someone smile back, it makes me feel happy knowing I've shared kindness.

In a community, it is important to listen to one another. When I listen to someone's words, it shows that I care about what they are saying. If my friend is telling me about their new puppy, I can listen attentively and ask questions. This makes my friend feel that their story is valued.

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Helping others is another way to be a good community member. If I see that my neighbor is carrying heavy bags, I can ask if they need help. Helping not only makes the community stronger, but it also makes me feel proud and good about myself.

Sometimes, I might make a mistake and make someone upset in my community. If that happens, saying sorry can help fix the problem. Apologizing shows that I understand how they feel. I can say, 'I'm sorry for what happened,' and then try to do better next time.

I can also take part in community events, like clean-up days or school fairs. Participating helps me make new friends and learn more about where I live. It can be fun to see everyone working together and making the community better.

I am an important part of my community, and I can make a difference by being kind, listening, helping others, and taking part in events. This makes me and everyone else feel good and proud to be part of our community.

## **Key Social Concepts**

community	kindness	listening	helping	apologizing
participation				

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### **Social Rules**

- Say hello to neighbors
- Listen attentively
- Offer help when needed
- Apologize when necessary
- Participate in community events

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### **Social Understanding Questions**

#### 1. What is a friendly way to make others feel welcome in the community?

- A. Saying hello to them \*
- B. Ignoring them
- C. Walking away quickly
- D. Pretending not to see them

### 2. How might you feel when someone smiles back at you after you say hello?

- A. Happy \*
- B. Sad
- C. Angry
- D. Confused

#### 3. What should you do if you accidentally make someone upset?

- A. Say sorry and try to do better next time \*
- B. Ignore them
- C. Blame someone else
- D. Laugh it off

#### 4. Why is it important to listen to someone's words in the community?

- A. It shows you care about what they are saying \*
- B. It is fun
- C. It helps you win prizes
- D. It makes them stop talking

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<sup>\*</sup> Indicates the correct answer

### **Social Cues Guide: Community**

#### **Skill Description**

The ability to understand and appropriately engage within a community setting involves recognizing and responding to social cues and interacting effectively with others.

#### Social Cues to Watch For

[object Object]

### **Common Misunderstandings**

- Believing that everyone understands and shares the same feelings or thoughts.
- Interpreting a neutral expression as negative.
- Assuming that if someone is not speaking, they are not engaged or interested.

#### **Practice Scenarios**

- 1. Attending a community event where the child can observe different interactions, like a local fair or a community meeting.
- 2. Role-playing a neighborhood cleanup day where the child can practice offering help and working alongside others.
- 3. Participating in a team activity that requires cooperation and communication, like building a simple project together.
- 4. Visiting a library and practicing asking the librarian for assistance or information.
- 5. Attending a class or workshop where the child can practice listening to a group leader and following instructions.

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