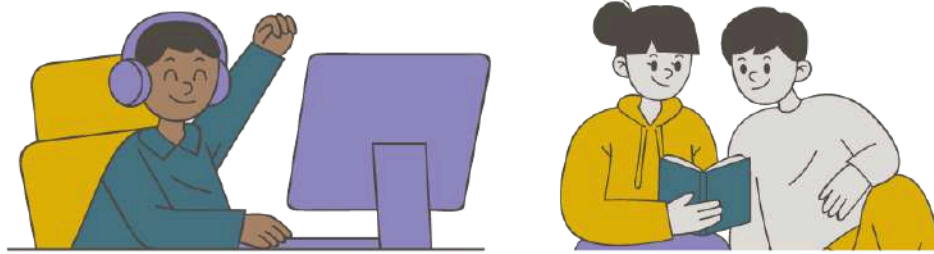


Activity Printables & Worksheets



We have put together a few worksheets and coloring pages to go along with some of our GERI books.

We recommend that parents and caregivers **print or make copies of these pages, if possible**, and have children complete the activities on the copied page.

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Download GERI Reading Guides

The complete GERI collection currently includes 26 books, carefully selected for children and adolescents (preK through high school). We have created Discussion and Activity Guides to go along with the GERI books from our carefully curated collection.

Each guide includes a brief book description along with a list of featured topics for each book. There are discussion questions to help guide ongoing conversations with your child(ren), and fun activities designed to promote healthy relationships, boundaries, and positive social norms.



Scan to visit
the GERI website

Name _____



Community Helpers

Cut out the pictures of the community helpers below and glue them into the correct box.



Who helps to
keep us
healthy?



Who flies a
spaceship?



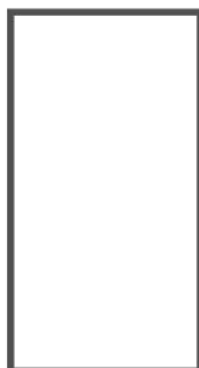
Who grows
fruits and
vegetables?



Who helps
you to read
and write?



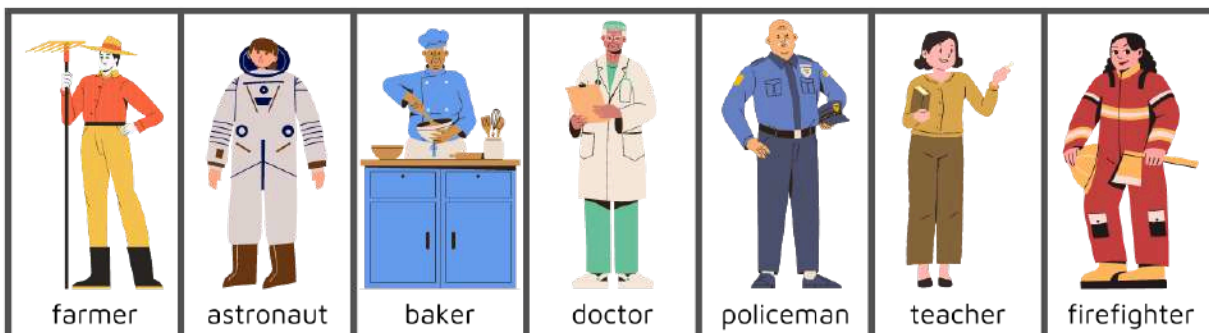
Who puts out
fires?



Who bakes
cakes and
pies?



Who helps
keep us safe?



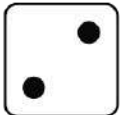


ROLL AND TELL

All about jobs



Do this activity with your young reader, or have readers work together.
Randomly choose questions, or take turns to roll dice.
On each turn, players get to tell something about community helpers.

	Who works in an office?	Who helps you learn to read and write?	Who delivers the mail?
	Who helps you when you are in trouble?	What is your parent's job?	What do you want to be when you grow up?
	Name 3 community helpers who work with animals	What do you want to be when you grow up?	Name 3 community helpers who work at school
	Where does a doctor work?	Who helps put out fires?	Who cooks food in a restaurant?
	Name 3 community helpers who wear a uniform	Name 3 community helpers who fix things	Name 3 actions that community helpers do
	What does a painter need, to work?	What do astronauts do?	Who helps people get from one place to another?

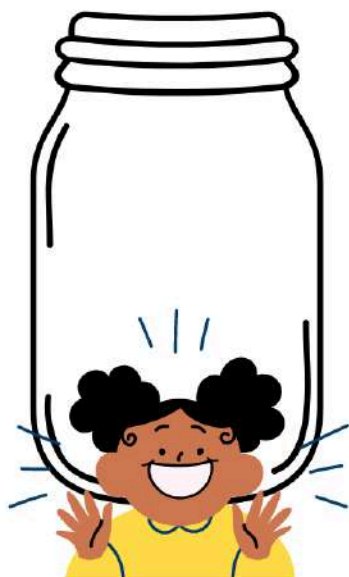
EMOTIONS!

Name each emotion or feeling shown in the faces below.
Use colored pencil or crayons to add color to each one.



TODAY I FEEL...

Color the jars according to how you feel today.



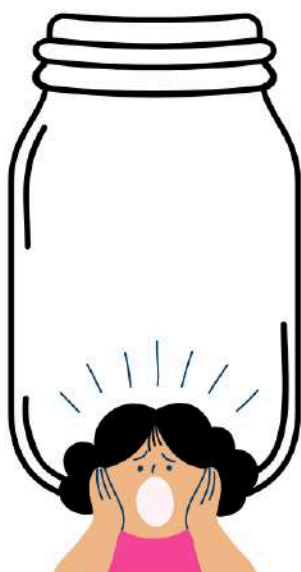
HAPPY



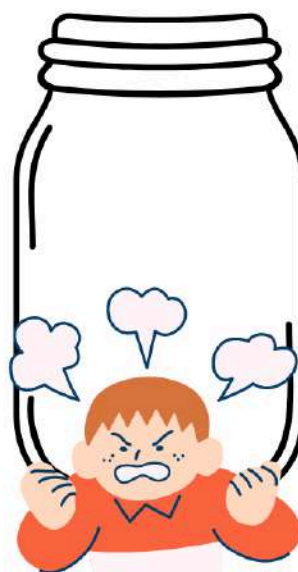
ANXIOUS



FUNNY



SURPRISED



ANGRY

Name: _____



Feelings Jar

Fill this jar with words and pictures to show how you are feeling.



Family Members

WORDSEARCH

Find and circle the words.

M	T	F	A	M	I	L	Y	A	S	A	M	G
O	Y	A	E	R	B	R	O	T	H	E	R	R
T	I	T	I	K	J	L	A	B	S	Y	R	A
H	S	H	W	G	N	S	D	T	W	E	N	N
E	K	E	F	S	W	E	A	T	S	R	I	D
R	E	R	D	U	L	O	U	H	I	U	C	M
P	G	R	E	E	H	Y	G	R	S	E	O	O
S	O	N	K	R	E	F	H	J	T	R	U	T
M	Y	M	I	Y	J	V	T	G	E	E	S	H
A	U	N	T	S	K	E	E	E	R	O	I	E
K	U	N	C	L	E	A	R	K	Y	A	N	R
G	R	A	N	D	F	A	T	H	E	R	T	H

- sister
- son
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- father
- aunt
- daughter
- family
- uncle
- grandfather
- mother
- cousin
- grandmother

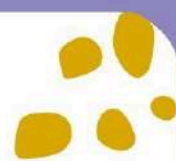


MY FAMILY

Draw a picture of your family and label them.
Be sure to include any pets you have!

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the user to draw a picture of their family and label them.

After reading the book, you're invited to draw or color about what you've read.



Grow Engage Read Imagine (GERI) Program Overview



CHANGING SOCIAL NORMS
GERI uses books to offer alternatives to violence



PROMOTING YOUTH LEADERSHIP
Stories show characters of diverse backgrounds and beliefs



EMPOWERING PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
Empowering parents to have ongoing conversations on healthy relationships

Grow Engage Read Imagine (GERI) is an initiative of Safe Haven Ministries, promoting healthy communities through reading.

GERI's goal is to prevent violence, beginning with young children, encouraging and supporting healthy relationships and non-violent conflict resolution.

Find the PreK-3rd grade GERI book collection and resources in the "Book Nook" displays at these GRPL branch locations:
Seymour, West Leonard, Yankee Clipper, & Main (Youth Services).



SAFEHAVEN
MINISTRIES

Scan here,
or visit gerigr.org
to learn more.



Grow Engage Read Imagine (GERI) is an initiative of Safe Haven Ministries, and is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Safe Haven is a comprehensive domestic violence and anti-human trafficking agency located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Safe Haven believes violence is completely preventable. We believe that we can inspire our community and others to unite in ending violence. This reading initiative seeks to use books to heal, teach, and empower. We want to give caregivers and parents tools and resources to help them have important conversations with their child(ren).

The selected books are age-appropriate and rooted in child development theory, best reading practices for children, and best practices in violence prevention education. The main topics explored include:

Bullying	Family & Family Structure
Boundaries & Consent	Feelings & Emotions
Communication	Friendship
Community	Representation
Creativity & Imagination	Respect
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	Self-Esteem
Empowerment / Leadership	

When parents and children read about people who communicate effectively, set healthy boundaries, connect to communities, imagine the future, welcome and include, become leaders, build healthy family relationships, appropriately express emotions, strengthen friendships, and practice respect, ways to prevent violence are engaged and imagined. Growing and following these examples leads to peaceful and flourishing neighborhoods.

The Centers For Disease Control and Prevention calls the ideas above “protective factors.” Watch the “[Moving Forward](https://youtu.be/FJDwe2RkOqo)”¹ video on YouTube to learn more about protective factors.



"Moving Forward"
video

¹ <https://youtu.be/FJDwe2RkOqo>

GERI Website and Online Tools (GeriGR.org)

The Grow Engage Read Imagine (GERI) Website provides additional information about the GERI program, and includes additional discussion questions for each book in the collection. There are also a variety of resources for parents and caregivers, in the form of an online Parent Toolkit.

The online parent toolkit features information and resources centered around the following topics and more:

- Tips on age appropriate conversations with your child(ren)
- Safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches (Boundaries/Consent)
- Handling disclosures (When your child wants to share)
- Community resources for victims and survivors of abuse and exploitation



Find the toolkit, additional reading guides, and other helpful resources online at **GeriGR.org**

We Need Your Help

We're glad you had an opportunity to read and discuss a book from the GERI collection today!

We'd like to learn more about your experience with GERI, so that we can measure effectiveness, answer any questions, and continue to make improvements.



GERI Survey

After you finish reading and discussing each book, please visit **<https://gerigr.org/survey/>** to provide feedback.

Completing this brief survey is completely voluntary and anonymous.

Thanks for helping us grow GERI!

Find GERI Books In Your Local Library!

Most books are also available as audio books and E-books using your library's App.
(with a library card)

No Library Card? Get one at your local library!

Accepted forms of ID include: Driver's license, State ID, Military ID, International Drivers license, State ID, Passport, Non-US Consular ID, Residential alien card, State issued tribal ID, Job corps ID, Prison issued ID

If no form of ID is available please **contact your library's Patron Experience Manager.**

GERIGR.ORG



Complete GERI Collection Book List

(several titles also available in Spanish)

PreK- 3rd Books

Counting On Community by Innosanto Nagra

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
(*las Jirafas No Pueden Bailar*)

Hug Me by Simona Ciraolo
(*Abrázame*)

Missing Daddy by Mariame Kaba

The Color Monster by Anna Llenas
(*El Monstruo de Colores*)

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi

My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay by Cari Best

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
(*Todo El Mundo Cabe Aquí*)

Some Secrets Should Never Be Kept by Jayneen Sanders
(*Algunos Secretos Nunca Deben Guardarse*)

Mango Moon by Diane de Anda
(*La Luna Mango*)

Don't Touch My Hair! by Sharee Miller

Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love
(*Sirenas*)

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
(*El Día en Que Descubres Quién Eres*)

4th - 8th Grade Books

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson

Consent (For Kids!) by Rachel Brian
(*El Consentimiento (¡Para Niños!)*)

House On Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
(*La Casa en Mango Street*)

Maybe He Just Likes You by Barbara Dee

Tight by Torrey Maldonado

The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang
(*El Príncipe y la Modista*)

High School Books

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
(El Odio Que Das)

Hearts Unbroken by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Speak: The Graphic Novel by Laurie Halse Anderson
(Habla)

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
(Poet X)

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
(Las ventajas de ser invisible)

A Time to Dance by Padma Venkatraman

Additional Resources

The GERI Reading Guide, Toolkit, and activity pages were created to help parents and caregivers. It is our intent to give people who care for children and youth the tools to talk about subjects that often are avoided.

A key goal of GERI is to work with others to help create protective and supportive environments for children and youth.

If you or someone that you know needs support, the following local resources are free and confidential:

Safe Haven Ministries

Website: www.shmgr.org

24/7 Hotline: 616- 452- 6664

YWCA West Central Michigan

Website: www.ywcawcmi.org

24/7 Hotline: 616-454 -9922

Children's Advocacy Center of Kent County

Website: www.cac-kent.org

Telephone Number: 616-336-5160

Hispanic Center of Western Michigan

Website: www.hispanic-center.org

Telephone Number: 616-742-0200