

Caring

CARING means to be nice to another.

CARING means being supportive and responsive to the needs of others with kindness and compassion.

LESSON 1

Tell children that they will be learning about **CARING**. Read the meaning of CARING with the class. Discuss with children ways to be helpful, loving and kind. Examples could include: sharing a cookie with a friend, or help their mom clean the kitchen. Ask children to name people that care for them and that they care as well. Reinforce the importance of being a caring person. As time allows, ask students to think of one thing they can do today that shows caring.

School/Home Link - Tell students to discuss with a family member how they can be a caring person at school and home.

LESSON 2

Tell students they are going to learn more about the word **CARING**. Review the meaning of CARING. Read the following scenario:

Leketa was playing on the playground and fell off of the slide and hurt her arm. Ask children to tell how they could help Leketa. Invite students to tell about a time when someone cared for them when they were hurt. As time allows, have students to draw a picture of someone doing a caring act.

School/Home Link - Tell students to ask a family member about ways to care for someone who is hurt.

LESSON 3

Tell students they are going to learn more about the word **CARING**. Review the meaning of CARING. Explain that a caring person looks for good in others and shows kindness toward them. Tell students that giving a compliment is one way to show they care about someone. Read: **A compliment means saying something nice about someone. An example of a compliment is: "Your new dress is pretty!" or "Jeffrey's new shirt looks really good!"** Call on 3-4 students to share a compliment with a classmate. Congratulate students for their demonstrations of caring throughout the day.

School/Home Link - Tell students to give someone in their family a compliment today.

LESSON 4

Tell students they are going to learn more about the word **CARING**. Review the meaning of CARING. Review the meaning of the word "caring." Read the following scenario: **Lenny is so excited. He received a new puppy for his birthday. Lenny is happy to take care of his new pet.** Ask: **What special care will Lenny's new pet will need.** Examples may include: feeding the pet, bathing the pet, walking the pet, etc. Ask students to raise their hand if they have a pet. Call on students to tell how they care for their pet if they have one or to tell how they think they should care for a pet even if they don't have one.

School/Home Link - Tell students to talk with a family member about ways to care for a pet.

LESSON 5

Tell students they are going to learn more about the word **CARING**. Review the meaning of CARING. Emphasize that a caring person is a person who shares with others. Explain that a smile and friendship are signs of a caring person. Read: **A smile is something you can always share. A smile lets others know that you care.** Ask students to draw a picture of a smiley face on a sheet of paper to remind students to smile at others throughout the day.

School/Home Link - Tell students to draw a smiley face for a family member.