

Our Rights, Our Government

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- about good citizenship and a citizen's rights and responsibilities
- about local, state, and national governments and about direct and representative democracies

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 7: Being an Active Citizen

Involvement Discuss ways that people are involved in helping your community. How do they help to improve it?

Chapter 8: Our Government

Our representatives People in the United States are represented in government at three levels: local, state, and national. Discuss with your child one or more of these levels. Who are your representatives? What do they do to help your community?

Make It

A model of a monument Have your child draw a sketch or model of a new monument for your community. Choose a symbol or leader in your town or city.

Read to Learn More About It

A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution, by Betsy and Giulio Maestro. The U.S. Constitution is explained for young readers.

The Old Ladies Who Liked Cats, by Carol Greene. The mayor makes a new law that disturbs the balance of nature on a small island.

Presidents, by Martin W. Sandler.

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