



# Family Newsletter for Unit 4

## How We Govern Our Communities

### 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 how nations work together

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 Governments

**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. Intimate views of our presidents, their families, and even their pets.



### Technology

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