CD: “Silly Dance Contest” from Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing Song and Other Contagious Tunes

Helpers
This helper builds our houses. (hold up thumb)
This helper brings our mail. (hold up pointer)
This helper teaches the children. (hold up middle finger)
And this one has groceries to sell. (hold up ring finger)
And this little helper, yes, it’s me (hold up and wiggle pinky finger)
When I grow up, (stretch arms above head)
Which will I be? (pointer finger tapping on chin)
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Drive the Fire Truck
(tune: Ten Little Indians)
Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck. (pretend to steer wheel)
Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck. Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck.
On this sunny morning.
continue with:
Hurry, hurry, turn the corner. (tilt body) …
Hurry, hurry, find the fire. (put hand above eyes) …
Hurry, hurry, spray the water. (pretend to spray water) …
Hurry, hurry, climb the ladder. (hand over hand) …
Slowly, slowly, back to the station. (sing and drive very slowly) …

What is my job? (tune: Are You Sleeping?)
What is my job? What is my job?
Can you guess? Can you guess?
I help people in danger, I help people in danger
Who am I? Who am I?
Repeat with other clues to occupations such as:
I grow your food…
I can build your house …
I put out fires …
I bake lots of cookies…
I protect our country…

Dial 9-1-1
(tune: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
If you’re in trouble dial 9-1-1
Dial 9-1-1 and help will come.
Police and fire. An ambulance too.
They’ll all be so proud of you!
If you’re in trouble dial 9-1-1
Dial 9-1-1 and help will come.

Your next visit will be: November ________
Next month’s theme will be: “Fall For All”
Activity Ideas:

Stay Low & Go: {Safety, Large Motor} Use a white sheet for pretend smoke. Have an assistant help you hold the sheet low near the floor, then have the children practice “stay low and go” by crawling underneath the sheet. prekinders.com

Paper Bag Community: You will need small, white lunch bags, LOTS of newspaper or recycling paper, markers, construction paper and stapler. Talk about your community with the children at circle time. Follow up by asking each child to choose a building to create. They use markers to draw what their building will need (windows, doors, etc.) Help them print the name of the building on it (print their name on the bottom so they can take their building home when the theme is over). They stuff the bags with newspaper and you staple the bags closed. Use these in the block area or on a table for them to recreate events in your town. preschool-plan-it.com

Book of the Month:

How to Talk So Little Kids Will Listen: A Survival Guide to Life With Children Ages 2-7 by Joanna Faber & Julie King PTC 306.874 F

This user-friendly guide will empower parents and caregivers to forge rewarding, joyful relationships with terrible two-year-olds, truculent three-year-olds, ferocious four-year-olds, foolhardy five-year-olds, self-centered six-year-olds, and the occasional semi-civilized seven-year-old. And, it will help little kids grow into self-reliant big kids who are cooperative and connected to their parents, teachers, siblings, and peers. - (Simon and Schuster)

Road to Reading Tip:

Toddlers need lots of experience hearing words and language. The more you talk to them, the better their language skills will be. Talk through daily routines ("now we let the water go down the drain"), and name everything ("here are your fingers, nails, knuckles & wrist"), ("that truck is a front-loader and there’s a crane"). If you don’t know something, say so, then go to the library together to find a book about it so you can both learn. Storytimes for Two Year Olds by Judy Nichols J027.6251N