**Rhymes and Fingerplays**

What Is My Job?
*Tune of “Are You Sleeping?”*

What is my job?  
What is my job?  
Can you guess?  
Can you guess?  
I help people get well.  
I help people get well.  
Who am I?  
Who am I? (doctor)  
*Other possible verses:*  
I can fix the water pipes (plumber)  
I deliver letters (mailman)  
I make tasty meals for you (chef)  
I can teach you new things (teacher)  
I help if you get lost (police officer)

This Little Firefighter
*(count on fingers as you go)*

This little firefighter rings the bell,  
This little firefighter holds the hose so well,  
This little firefighter slides down the pole,  
This little firefighter puts a hole,  
And all the firefighters put out the fire.

Drive the Fire Truck

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck  
*(hands on steering wheel)*

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck  
Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck  
Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!  
*(ring bell)*

Hurry, hurry, climb the ladder...  
*(climb up ladder)*

Hurry, hurry, put the fire out...  
*(squirt fire hose)*

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck...  
*(hands on steering wheel)*

Carpenter

The carpenter's hammer goes knock, knock, knock,  
And his saw goes see, saw, see,  
He planes and measures  
He hammers and saws  
While he builds something for me.

Things to do Together

- Create a mailbox out of any cardboard box - shoe boxes work great. Put out paper, pencils, pens, stickers for stamps, etc. and encourage your children to write their own letters and “mail” them. Each family member could have their own mailbox for messages.
- Map your neighborhood. Take a walk around your apartment building, city block, housing development, etc. together and draw a map of the buildings in your immediate area.
- Find tools around your home and ask your children - Who needs this tool for their work? Examples: mixing bowl and beaters—chef, a hammer and nails—carpenter, thermometer—nurse. Besides learning about community helpers, it also introduces children to new vocabulary.

Other Resources

*Corner Grocery Store by Raffi (CD)*