

Public Service



Lesson Plans

Session -- Public Service, Giving of Yourself (And, how to treat people who are physically and mentally challenged)

Materials

Handouts, journals, chart paper, markers,

Goals

- Students will learn about the importance of public service
- Students will learn that public service is important because it proves that you are
 - responsible
 - respected
 - able to develop more self-worth
- Students will discuss what types of public services interest them
- Students will learn about public service jobs in the communities
- Students will discuss what offensive means
- Students will learn physical and mental handicaps
- Students will learn to be sensitive and caring for people who are different

Public Service Discussions

Make a list on chart paper of the following discussion starter questions and topics

- Why should I be my brother's keeper?
- What does it mean when people say, "It takes a village"?
- If I did not make a mess, then why should I clean it up?
- What are some voluntary public service providers
- What are some monetary public service providers
- Should public service count as class credit
- Why is it important to have a good attitude when dealing with people and providing service in the community
- Why public service enhances your Resume
- Physical and mental challenges
- Why are physical challenges not widely accepted in communities?
- Why are mental challenges looked at as burdensome?
- What does "being offensive" mean
- Pointing and staring
- Politically correct phrases

Activity

Have students draw a portrait of their favorite first responder

Book(s) to read

How To Survive a Zombie Apocalypse. Public Service

Wrap up

Journal about what was learned in class session

Dismiss students

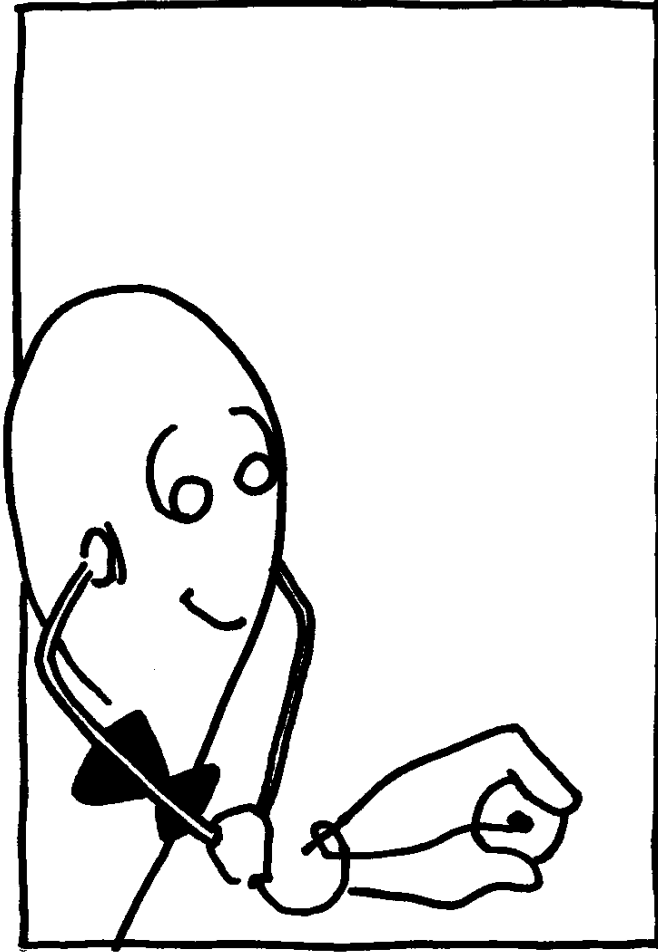
First Responders

Draw a portrait of a public service provider you admire the most



CHAPTER SIX

PUBLIC SERVICE



Giving of Yourself

Am I my brother's keeper?

What does this even mean?

Who is my brother if I don't

have any siblings? Speaking

from a societal viewpoint, all

of humanity is considered

your brother, all of mankind.

The phrase basically means

that you should seek to be of assistance to those in need. Many

secondary level school systems require a certain amount of

community service hours to graduate. Community service is an

indication of good character to college entrance administrators.

It is considered noble to offer your time or money to issues that

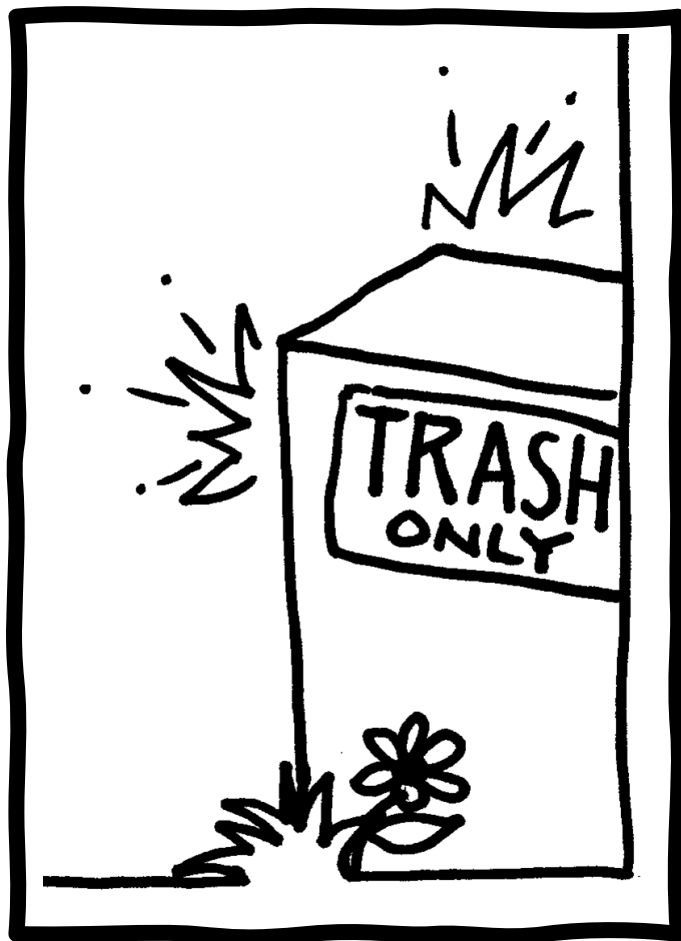
benefit those less fortunate than you. Also, giving makes you feel better. If you are ever able to be of assistance to someone who needs help, try your best to aid them, not just for the clout, but because you are a human who cares.

It Takes a Village

BACK IN THE DAY!

When people literally lived in villages, they cooperated with each other. Tasks like farming, hunting, weaving, etc. were all family-shared tasks. These services and products were then shared throughout the village, and no one went without necessary items needed for survival. When families suffered because of loss of loved ones, other village members stepped in to be accommodating. The village survived because of cooperation and a sense of duty. Our communities suffer because of lack of caring. And traditions such as these have been abandoned.

It's Not Mine, Why Should I Pick It Up?



Shame on the person who left the trash in the first place. But you, be the person with nothing to be ashamed about. Do the messy person a favor and pick up the trash. If you must, do it when no one else is looking so you don't

become labeled as the person who picks up and cleans up after everyone else. If these people live with you discuss the burden that they are placing on their roommate(s). Come to an agreement about cleaning up after you make a mess.

Volunteer or Be Compensated

If your dream job is to help people in need then you have options. Community service workers (or community helpers from pre-k) are a much-needed addition to all communities,

worldwide. From first responders to teachers, there are many service-oriented careers that can satisfy your desire to help others. Before you make decisions about the direction you want to pursue, volunteer for a while to get a feel for the work.

Some public service careers come with hardships and other obstacles that make it a position with a high turn-over rate.

Assisting people (especially children) with physical and mental challenges can be very taxing on your mind and body as well.

Being the mobility, eyes, ears, or companion of those who find everyday activities challenging is very hard. You are basically living for two people at once. Kudos to you if this is your calling. This shows you are a very caring person. But...

Zombies!

Is putting Zombies out of their misery considered “taking care of my brother?” Is it ethical to off zombies? There is an Asian folk tale about a zombie child. A lesser-known version goes like this...

On the cusp of an impending famine a woman prayed to the gods for a child. She felt a child would be the answer to all of her and her husband's marital and economic problems. She believed the child would grow to assist in the day-to-day operation of their farm and believed the child would be a huge asset to their survival throughout the impending famine. The gods being the tricksters that they are, granted her wish and she became with child.

Unexpectedly, war came upon the land and all able-bodied men were called to serve. The woman's husband did not survive, and she soon gave birth to a pale and sullen looking boy child. She was overcome with joy and looked forward to raising the son who would serve as her savior in the absence of the father. As predicted famine came upon the land and the woman soon weaned her baby from her breast and introduced him to solid foods.

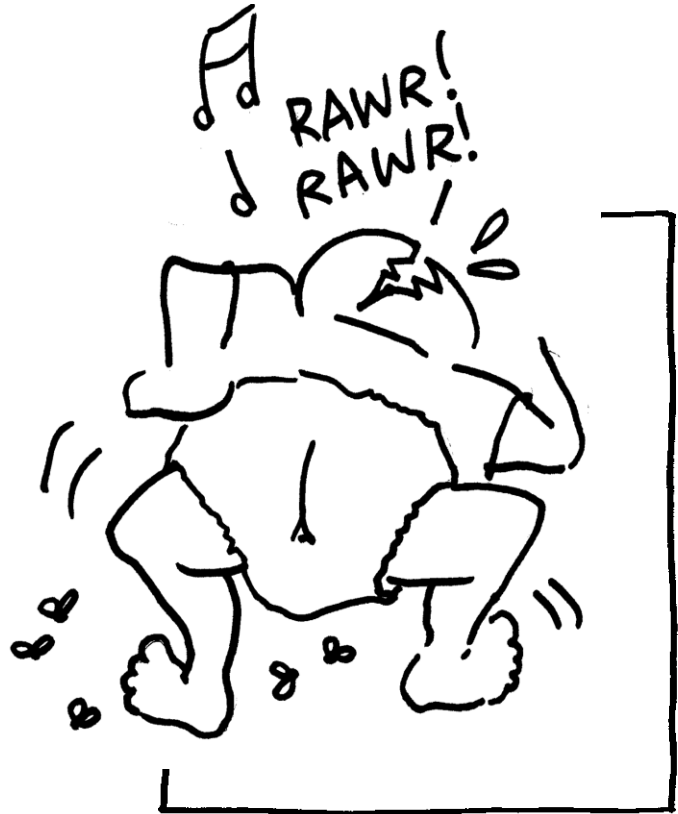
Soon the baby developed an insatiable taste for raw meat and the woman did her best to accommodate the child. As the months passed and the famine worsened the child's appetite and hunger for raw meat grew to enormous proportions. The neighboring farmers had all packed up and moved away to survive the famine. The woman rationed her portions of grain and vegetables and began to slaughter the animals on her farm one by one as the child's hunger never satiated.

After some time, all the animals on her farm were gone. The child's appetite did not subside, and he began to cry out from hunger.

In a last attempt to get the child to eat the woman prepared a loaf of bread with some of the last flour she had rationed. As she proceeded to place the bread in the child's mouth he refused and suddenly bit down on her finger and gnawed it off completely. Screaming out in pain she pulled

back her hand in disbelief and ran from the room. After thinking for some time, she decided to sacrifice herself for the child. Limb after limb she would cut them off and give them to her child to eat until there was nothing left but one remaining arm and her head. The child began to eat her body until she was no more.

***Moral:** Never compromise nor negotiate with zombies.*



Zombie: "Rawr, rawr!"

ZT: "I want my baby back, baby back, baby back!"