

# The Big Question

## School-to-Home Connection

Unit 1 focuses on the Big Question: Whom Can You Count On? Throughout the unit, you'll learn about people who can be counted on. Before you prepare your own answers to the Big Question, find out what your parents or other adults think. Select one of the activities below to complete at home.

### ACTIVITY: Create a Chart

Choose a parent or another adult in your home to write about. On a separate sheet of paper, create a chart with two columns. Label the left column "Why I Can Depend On \_\_\_\_\_" and the right column "Why Someone Can Count On Me." In the left column, explain why you believe you can count on this person. Then share the chart with the selected person. Ask him or her to explain why you can be counted on. Write his or her response in the right column of the chart.

### ACTIVITY: Interview

**Directions** Tell a parent or another adult about the Big Question. Ask him or her to answer the following questions, and record the answers on a separate sheet of paper.

1. When you were young, whom did you count on? Explain.
2. Were these people reliable, or were you disappointed? Explain.
3. As an adult, whom do you count on? Explain.

### ACTIVITY: Poem

1. With a parent or another adult, think of one person that both of you can count on. Then list reasons why both of you can count on this person. Write your reasons on a separate sheet of paper.
2. Now work together to write a poem about the person you selected. Your poem can be funny or serious. Review your list of reasons for information to include in your poem.