

The Big Question

School-to-Home Connection

Unit 4 focuses on the Big Question: What Influences You? Throughout the unit, you will learn about the influences that people have on one another. Before you prepare 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: How Influences Change Over Time

Directions Ask an adult family member to answer the following questions and record their answers on a separate sheet of paper:

1. What things or people were influences on you as a young person? Explain.
2. What things or people influence you as an adult? Explain.
3. How or why did these influences change over time? Explain.

Now respond to the answers above.

4. What do the answers tell you about how influences change over someone's lifetime?

ACTIVITY: Media Influences

Look at a magazine or watch TV for a short while with a parent or guardian. Draw a chart with three columns on a separate sheet of paper. Label the left column "Commercial or Advertisement." Label the center column "Are you influenced to buy this product? Why or why not?" Label the right column "How does the commercial or advertisement try to influence you to buy the product?" In the left column, describe two advertisements or commercials that you see. Then use the center and right columns to talk about the advertisements or commercials and write answers to the questions in the chart.

ACTIVITY: How People Influence Each Other

1. Ask a parent or guardian to describe the influence that he or she hopes to have over you. Write this answer on the left side of a separate sheet of paper.
2. On the right side of a separate sheet of paper, write how you feel about this desired influence. How do you respond to the strategies your parent or guardian has used to influence you?