

# Discovering Life Skills

## Chapter 10: Child Care Basics

### Chapter Summary

Children do not understand the dangers that surround them. Families can childproof their homes to create a safe environment for children to play and explore. Even if a home has been childproofed, children must be watched carefully to make sure they are safe. To keep children safe, protect them from intruders, take precautions to prevent accidents, learn how to handle emergencies, and keep children away from dangerous household products.

When you babysit, you are totally responsible for the safety and well-being of the children in your care. Prepare for babysitting by learning first aid and volunteering as a parent's helper. Being responsible for children is a serious and important task. Infants rely on their caregiver for all their needs. Toddlers need help and understanding as they grow and make new discoveries. Preschoolers are curious and often look forward to being with caregivers they like.