

LEARNING EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW

JA Ourselves®

- ▶ Financial Literacy
- ▶ Work and Career Readiness
- ▶ Entrepreneurial Mindset

As part of a K-5 learning suite designed to develop durable competencies and intrinsic motivation, *JA Ourselves* introduces kindergartners to the concept of individual choices and how those choices affect both themselves and others. Students explore needs and wants, saving and sharing, and how personal responsibility helps them grow. Students practice character-driven behaviors stemming from resilience, teamwork, and purpose, building confidence, hope, healthy relationships, and future career possibilities.

JA Ourselves uses storytelling and play to connect big ideas to young learners' daily lives. The addition of the Adventures of Jade and Jack Storybook in each session and a new song are designed to increase engagement and connection with the volunteer. By encouraging students to imagine, share, and reflect, this learning experience helps young learners build confidence in their own decision-making and recognize that even small choices matter.

CONCEPTS

buying, choices, giving, helpers, jobs, kindness, money, reuse, rules, saving, self, sharing, spending, tools, values, workers

SKILLS

counting, decision-making, drawing conclusions, following directions, listening, matching and classifying, predicting, problem-solving, reading and writing, self-assessment, self-expression, teamwork, verbal communication, vocabulary building



LEARNING EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Includes five 30-minute sessions with Together At Home pages to connect experiences in the classroom with learning at home
- Flexible model, designed to support multiple learning environments and accommodate educator-led and volunteer-led opportunities
- Experiential, engaging in-class activities that use storytelling and play to connect big ideas to young learners' daily lives
- Flexible facilitation materials including both kit-based and digital assets to accommodate preferences and ease of use
- Elementary-appropriate content in financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurial mindset

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Session	Overview Students:	Objectives Students will be able to:	Activities Students:
SESSION ONE I Can Make Choices!	- Explore how their likes and dislikes shape their choices. - Begin to understand that decision-making is a lifelong skill.	- Identify personal likes and dislikes. - Choose between two options. - Demonstrate respect for others.	Practice making choices that satisfy their own needs and preferences while also showing respect for others.
SESSION TWO Let's Work Together!	Experience how thoughtful choices help everyone work and solve problems together, through hands-on collaboration.	- Explain how rules help people work together. - Consider others when making choices. - Collaborate with peers to solve a building challenge by sharing and working together.	Learn how individual actions affect the larger group and collaborate to create paper shapes.
SESSION THREE How Do Workers Help Others?	Explore the workers and jobs needed at school.	- Describe the jobs and tools of people who help at school. - Identify ways students can be helpers in their classroom or school.	- Match workers with the tools they use. - Identify ways that they can serve as helpers in their own classroom.
SESSION FOUR Smart Spending Choices!	Discuss how the choices they make with money and other resources can affect the world around them and their future.	- Describe the benefits of saving money and resources. - Make choices that show how saving and reusing can help in the future.	Play a simple card game to explore what it means to save and spend money and to reuse resources.
SESSION FIVE How Can We Help?	Experience how helping, giving, and sharing are important choices for everyone.	Describe how giving and sharing can help people and improve the classroom.	Use a poster activity to explore how generosity contributes to our well-being and helps us all to grow.