

Ourselves[®]

Ourselves uses compelling stories read aloud by the volunteer, along with hands-on activities, to demonstrate helping, working, earning, and saving.

Following participation in the program, students will be able to:

- Develop and understand personal characteristics, including self-concept, taking responsibility, cooperating with others, making decisions, and setting personal goals.

Session Titles and Summaries

Session One: Robbie's Trip to the Farm

Students are introduced to a storybook character and his visit to a family farm. Through a group discussion and drawing pictures of their favorite animals, they discover that individuals make choices.

Session Two: Angie and the Carnival

Students are introduced to a storybook character and her plans to earn money by making and selling crafts at a carnival.

Session Three: Charlie Plants a Garden

Students learn how the storybook characters work together to plant a community garden.

Session Four: Megan Buys a Present

Students recognize the importance of saving money to buy something they want through a story about a girl who must save to buy a birthday present.

Session Five: Dylan and the New Playground

Students learn how the storybook characters save money to buy new playground equipment for their school.

Junior Achievement® – Bringing the “Business of Life” to Life

Join Junior Achievement’s global network of nearly 385,000 volunteers and help students in your community connect the dots between what they learn in school and the “business of life”—work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

JA’s Turn-Key Volunteer Solution:

1. Personalized Placement
JA works with you to ensure you teach at the location and grade level of your choice.

2. Comprehensive Training
JA staff provides training so you are comfortable visiting the classroom. You will be trained in classroom management, understanding and relaying the JA curriculum, working with the classroom teacher, and communicating effectively with students.

Ourselfes® For thousands of students, this popular program represents their first real foray into the economics of life — work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. JA volunteers lead sessions with engaging stories and dynamic activities that help instill the values of earning, saving, sharing, and working ethically.



3. Minimal Time Commitment
The time commitment is minimal compared to the significant impact you make. Elementary grade-level classes include five, 30-minute sessions.

And, JA provides you with a kit containing all the session plans and student materials you'll need to make every minute count.

4. JA Staff Follow-Up and Support
JA staff is available to answer your questions or make suggestions pertaining to your volunteer assignment.



Guide for Volunteers and Teachers
Provides lesson plans and teaching tips.



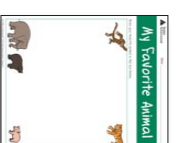
Certificate of Achievement
Given to students in recognition of their participation.



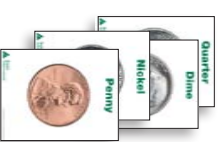
Junior Journal
Given to the teacher to conduct follow-up activities related to the sessions.



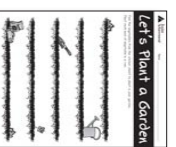
Learning About Ourselfes Book
An engaging collection of short stories read by the volunteer.



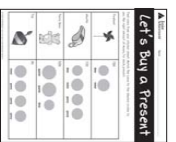
Favorite Animal Worksheet
Students draw and color their favorite animal and learn about making choices.



Coin Flashcards
Students identify coins and their respective value.



Let's Plant a Garden Worksheet
Using colorful stickers, students plant rows of matching vegetables in their garden.



Let's Buy a Present Worksheet
Students match coins from a sticker sheet to buy presents.



Building a Playground Worksheet
Students learn about teamwork and how an organization or school can raise funds.



Learning About Ourselfes Little Book
A picture-only edition that lets students retell the stories in their own words.



Pop-Up Savings Bank
A take-home piece that encourages students to save money earned.