

Getting Started

My XL World | 45028 | Ages 2-6 | For 2-10 children

This Getting Started activity card will help you introduce the My XL World set to your preschoolers. The activities are designed to develop children's social skills and help them to explore the world around them and discover what it means to be part of a community. After completing some or all of these activities, you can download the Teacher Guide for more in-depth learning related to social studies.



1. Where is it?

Have each child pick a location from the building cards and build it. Ask the children to explain what they've just built and why it's an important part of their community.



2. Role-play

Have the children use figures to role-play at all the locations they've just built. Remember to explain who works or goes to those places and why (e.g., dentists work at dental clinics, fixing people's teeth; people who have problems with their teeth go to dental clinics to have them fixed).



3. My fantasy characters

Ask the children to think about all the interesting characters they've read about in storybooks. Ask them to pick their favorite character, build it, and use their model to introduce the character's story to their friends.

4. My favorite place

Ask the children to think of their favorite place. Then have them build it. Encourage them to show as many details as possible and to explain why it's his or her favorite place.



5. A cool vehicle

Tell the children they're going to travel around the city, country, or world! Ask them to create a cool vehicle to transport them safely on their journey. Remember to ask them whether their vehicle flies, drives, sails... or a combination of all three!



Learning Objectives

Children will:

- Become familiar, through play, with the community in which they live
- Be able to retell fictional stories
- Explore social roles within families and workplaces
- Be able to express themselves creatively through 2-D or 3-D art
- Explore different forms of transportation

