This activity will allow members to:

• Learn about the community from friends and family members.
• Improve communication skills.
• Practice active listening.

Materials needed:

• One printed worksheet per member. Download it at kkids.org/IDEA.
• Pens or pencils

How to lead this activity:

Help members learn from the people they know best! Members should complete this activity on their own, after the club meeting.

1. Give each member a Friends and Family Questionnaire worksheet.

2. Choose a deadline for completing the questionnaire. Tell members to keep their finished worksheet. They will need it to help the club focus on a service need.

3. Let members know they can use the My Observations worksheet to help remember what they learn. Find it online at kkids.org/IDEA.
Friends and Family Questionnaire

The best helpers are those who ask others for information. Ask friends or family members about needs in your community. Prepare by writing your own questions and reading the do’s and don’ts below.

Decide who to interview

Think about the different people you know. Who can you interview to learn more about issues your community is facing?

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Prepare for the interview

After your interview is scheduled, think about what you will ask. Good questions should get the person talking—not just answering with a simple “yes” or “no.”

1. What issues does our community face?
2. Have you ever done service in our community? If so, what?
3. ________________________________________________________________________________________
4. ________________________________________________________________________________________
5. ________________________________________________________________________________________
6. ________________________________________________________________________________________

Interview do’s and don’ts

- Do practice your questions ahead of time with someone.
- Do thank the person for his or her time.
- Do smile and maintain eye contact (if meeting in person).
- Do take notes on what the person says. This will help when you report back to your club.
- Do ask more questions if you don’t understand what the person is saying.
- Don’t let the person or yourself get off topic. Stick to your prepared questions.
- Don’t meet with the person in a loud or distracting area.
- Don’t schedule an in-person interview without asking your parents first.