

JoJo Helps Out

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The people on the block had a lot to do to prepare for the block picnic. In June, the moms and dads on the block picked a day for a fun outside event for all the kids.

They would set up a stand for drinks and cups. They would put out utensils and napkins. At the last moment, they would bring out the snacks and sandwiches.

They would put old blankets and quilts on the grass for the kids to sit on. They would move picnic benches and canvas chairs into the shade, so the old people could sit.

JoJo saw the moms and dads discussing their plans and bringing stuff from their houses. "What can I do to help?" she asked.

Mrs. Yang smiled. "Thanks, JoJo for asking. It would be such a big help if you could play with the kids and distract them while we get more things set up."

For just a second, JoJo felt intimidated by this task.

"I can do that!" JoJo said. She ran into her house and grabbed a big plastic bin. She grabbed things she could use to make games. She took what looked fun--jump ropes, dolls, trucks. Then she saw a basket of plastic eggs on the shelf that had been used for an egg hunt in the spring. "A hunt will be the best," she said to herself. She was confident now.

She saw some post-it notes and a pen on her mom's desk. She grabbed them too. She could put fun notes in the eggs. She went outside and yelled, "Come with me! I have the most fun things for us to do before the picnic!"