

## Train & Prepare for a Job

There are options for each of you when choosing a career. Some of you will choose to find a job right after graduating. This choice will allow you to earn and save money at a young age. By beginning to work at a young age, you will move up in your job. You also will receive raises along the way. This means that at first you will have higher pay than people who are graduating from training or college.

Some of you will choose to go into a training program to prepare for a job. Training programs can last for two months to two years. By completing a training program you will learn skills and will start working at a higher wage. However, you will earn little or no money while in training.

Another option is to complete a college program. However, this will keep you from earning money immediately. In fact, to go to college, many of you will need to borrow money to pay the expenses. After finishing college, you will make more money, but you may be in debt. In addition, you will be at least four years behind your friends who began to work after high school. They may have saved for a car and house before you even begin to work.

### Activity: The Game of Life

**STEP 1:** To play "**The Game of Life**," follow these directions:  
To find out what level of education and how much money you will receive, roll the dice and circle the education level you will have according to the list below:

- 1 & 2 = High School Diploma, receive - \$1000
- 3 & 4 = One-Year Training Certificate, receive - \$500
- 5 = Two-Year Associate Degree (AA), receive - \$0
- 6 = Four-Year Bachelor Degree (BA), pay the bank - \$300

