This week your child is reading *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*, a biography of the migrant farm worker who became a labor leader.

**Vocabulary on the Go**  What is a community issue that people disagree about in your community? Take opposite roles on the issue. Then debate the issue with your child. Try to use some of these words. 

overcome  association  dedicate  conflicts  publicity

**What’s Your Reason?**  Cesar Chavez was able to persuade others to give farm workers rights. Talk with your child about something he or she wants—an object, a privilege, an opportunity, or something else. Ask your child to give reasons why he or she deserves it.

**From Field to Your Table**  Ask your child to name a favorite fruit or vegetable. How is that food grown and harvested? Together, use the Internet to learn the answer to this question and to find other facts about the food.

Help your child make a fact sheet to show the information you learn about the food. Include an illustration of the food.
A Workers’ Song  These verses are from a folk song that was sung by people to support the rights of farm workers. Read and discuss these verses with your child.

Going Down the Road Feeling Bad

I’m going where the chilly winds don’t blow,
I’m going where the chilly winds don’t blow,
I’m going where the chilly winds don’t blow, yeah, yeah,
And I ain’t a-gonna be treated this way.

I’m going where the climate suits my clothes,
I’m going where the climate suits my clothes,
I’m going where the climate suits my clothes, yeah, yeah,
And I ain’t a-gonna be treated this way.

I’m going down the road feeling bad,
I’m going down the road feeling bad,
I’m going down the road feeling bad, yeah, yeah,
And I ain’t a-gonna be treated this way.

A Sign of Support  What is an issue that you and your child support? Help your child design a sign that a marcher might carry expressing support for that cause.

Book Links
- *Cesar Chavez: Champion of Workers*, by Tyler Schumacher
- *Children of the Dust Bowl*, by Jerry Stanley

Internet Challenge  Together, search the Internet to find out about Labor Day. Discuss why it is important to have a special day to honor workers.