Books for Students K-5:

Grades K-2:

Career Day by Anne Rockwell, Lizzy Rockwell

This story introduces different careers through the parents of Pablo’s classmates. Each student in the class brings a parent to school to talk about their career. It is a fun way to introduce young students to the different careers out there.

Whose is it? series by Sharon Katz Cooper, Amy Bailey Muehlenhardt

Whose Hat is this?
Whose Coat is this?
Whose Gloves are these?
Whose Shoes are these?

Each story in this series has the audience guessing what the profession is by the article of clothing shown in the picture. It is a great way to engage students in their learning about careers by guessing what kind of clothing would be involved with each job.

Jobs People Do by DK books

Jobs People Do is the book for helping children find out all about the careers that interest them. Entertaining text and photographs of real children dressed for each job help youngsters explore 50 different careers, from chef to scientist. Pages also detail the duties and training required for each one.
Jobs people do by Jo Litchfield and Felicity Brooks

Jobs People Do is a great way to introduce young students to different occupations. This version includes all six of Usborne’s stories, Tessa the Teacher, Fred the Firefighter, Vicky the Vet, Daisy the Doctor, Frank the Farmer and Sam the Chef. Each of the six stories follows a character through their working day, with plenty of excitement and drama along the way.

Community Helpers from A to Z by Bobbie Kalman

In this book students will meet people of different nationalities who make our communities cleaner, safer and more pleasant. This alphabet book includes such helpers as police officers, firefighters, sanitation workers and veterinarians.

Jobs Around My Neighborhood by Gladys Rosa-Mendoza

What do children want to be when they grow up? Here’s a great way to introduce them to different kinds of jobs they might see around their own neighborhoods. This fun learning book in English and Spanish depicts people engaged in a wide variety of useful occupations and tells the reader what each person does.
Grades 3-5:

Career Ideas series by Diane Lindsey Reeves and Lindsey Clasen

Career Ideas for kids who like Science
Career Ideas for kids who like Animals and Nature
Career Ideas for kids who like Talking
Career Ideas for kids who like Computers
Career Ideas for kids who like Adventures
Career Ideas for kids who like Math & Money
Career Ideas for kids who like Sports
Career Ideas for kids who like Music and Dance
Career Ideas for kids who like Art
Career Ideas for kids who like Travel

Each book in this series offers an occupational-interest quiz and provides multiple jobs that fall under each category. This kid-friendly series is a great way for students to learn about careers that interest them.

When I Grow Up: A young person’s guide to interesting & unusual occupations

Unusual occupations such as lobsterman, chocolatier, kite designer, and pet photographer are described in this book. Each spread introduces someone in the trade, includes "on the job" photographs, and provides a brief, introductory description of what it is like to be an alpaca farmer, robotics engineer, etc. This book is a fun way for students to explore some unusual occupations.

See What You Can Be: Explore Careers that could be for you! By Diane Heiman, Liz Suneby, and Tracey Wood

In this book students can get a glimpse of nearly fifty careers, from clothing designer and coach, to animator and aerospace engineer. There are over a dozen interviews with real career women from a wide range of professions. Then the reader can "try out" each career at home with fun activities. Quizzes, puzzles,
and journal pages help the reader turn the book into a book about themselves and what they are interested in.

Heroes & Helpers Careers Book for kids! By Carole Marsh

This book references 41 careers such as firefighter, police officer, Air Force pilot, Marine, Red Cross nurse and more. It is loaded with current information about these careers and the everyday lives of our heroes. Kids can also learn what courses to take in school, how long training will take, salary, and more about these 41 careers.

People at Work by the editors at Jist

This fun elementary-grade career resource features first-person narratives about 350 jobs in alphabetical order. Also included is information on job families. Information is presented in an entertaining and conversational style, making it an enjoyable resource for students.