Visiting a Museum
Museums are great places to see, touch, and experience cool and interesting things.
Museums are shared spaces where many people come to see rare and interesting things.
How many people do you think visit the Smithsonian every year?
30 MILLION PEOPLE
Since many people share the same space, it’s important to follow the rules so that everyone can have a good time.
When we’re in the museum, we need to use an “inside” voice to talk to the people in our group. If I need help, I can tell my adult or find a staff person.
Most things in a museum are not for touching. There may be some things that have a sign that says to touch. These things are OK to touch. For everything else, I should keep my hands to myself.
In the museum, we should always walk. Running could hurt people or the things in the museum.
STAY WITH THE GROUP

- When we go into a museum, we should always stay with the group or our family.
In the museum, it is very important to listen to adults to get information to keep us safe and learn about new things.
It is important to follow directions when an adult, teacher or staff person ask me to do something. It is their job to keep me safe and make sure I have fun!
Many people work at the Smithsonian. The people I see in the galleries keep the museum pieces safe. Sometimes, they answer questions, or help me if I need it. If they ask me to do something, I should follow directions.
Special staff people that keep museum guests safe are called security. They usually stand near the door and check people’s bags as they walk in the building. If they ask me to do something, I should follow directions.
Not security guards
It is fun to visit museums with friends, school groups and family. If we follow the rules, everyone can enjoy all the cool and interesting things to see and do!