



Book Activity Sheet

Firefighters A-Z

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This ABC story features the role and equipment of firefighters.

Things to Talk About:

Compare & Contrast A Typical Day: This story presents a day in the life of a volunteer or a professional fire department. Have your child outline his or her own day. What does your child do that is similar to what firefighters do? (wake up, get dressed, take a rest, etc...) What activities does your child do that are different than what firefighters do on a regular basis?

Personal Safety: Ask your child to point out parts in the story where firefighters do things to protect themselves while working. Ask questions such as, "Why do firefighters work in teams?" or "Why does no one work alone?" See if you can apply this maxim to instances in your child's life.

Diversity: Firefighting has traditionally been a male-dominated career field. Ask your child if he or she has ever seen a female firefighter. Help explain that both men and women can become firefighters. Check your local fire districts to see if any female fire fighters are a part of a department. Visit with a department that has a female firefighter.

Activities to Do:

1. Make a fire truck

You Will Need: large cardboard box (the size household appliances are packaged in will work the best)

What to Do: Turn an old refrigerator box into a fire truck and put it in a dramatic play area for children to use. You can use an old yellow raincoat for a fireman coat and pick up plastic firefighter hats at the local Dollar Store or party store. You can use old vacuum cleaner hoses as water hoses. The kids can help you turn everyday objects into a fire truck.

2. Fire Truck Sandwiches

You Will Need: sliced bread, cream cheese, red food coloring, pretzel sticks, round/circular crackers, plastic knives for spreading

What to Do: Toast one slice of bread for each student. After toasting, cut one piece of bread in half. Cut one of the halves in half again to make two squares. (You will then have one rectangular piece and 2 square pieces.) Use the rectangular slice for the body of the truck, add one square piece to the front of the truck, and add the other square piece to the top of the rectangular piece to make the truck's "cab". Add red food coloring to some softened cream cheese and have kids spread the colored cream cheese onto the fire truck. Use pretzel sticks to make a ladder and round crackers for the wheels. (You can add a red jelly bean on top for the light for a finishing touch.)



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