

TAMATI AND SAM GET FIREWISE

A Family Home-Schooling Resource For Ages 5 -7



This resource includes:

- Digital storybook Tamati and Sam Get Firewise (downloadable) and instructions for use saved as a PDF.
- Safety information and tips as background information. (including Safe and Unsafe Fires).
- Get Firewise Learn from Home - Activities sheet.
- Tools and Toys Activity Master sheet.
- Get Firewise Puppet Masterset.
- Safe Meeting Place template (Escape Plan Grid).
- Access to **www.escapemyhouse.co.nz** to complete your family's online home escape plan.

LEARNING INTENTIONS

Parents and Homeschoolers: Please ensure you have read and are familiar with the resource “Information and Fire Safety Tip for Parents”. This provides critical background information for the learning activities.

After completing the short Get Firewise programme students will:

- Understand that fire can be dangerous
- Have learned behaviours that will:
 - Prevent fires starting. For example, not playing with matches, lighters or candles, giving matches and lighters to an adult and playing away from fires
 - Get them out of a burning building quickly and safely

Read the Tamati and Sam Get Firewise digital story book and complete the activities together. The features available in the digital story book can be used to maximise literacy learning opportunities such as reading the story with Sam and using the tools for spelling activities.

By navigating the digital tools you can highlight words for learning and use the sticky note pad to type in new words to learn from the story. Use the questions highlighted as ? at the side of the pages and arrows > at the foot of the pages to ask your children questions and watch short video clips.

Click on images of Tamati and Sam, the firefighter and helmet and the smoke alarm for extra narration, sounds and information.

Activity 1

Talk with your child about things your family does to make sure fires don't start at home.

Read the Tamati and Sam Get Firewise Digital story book.

Activity 2

Matches and Lighters

Talk with your child about matches and lighters being for adults to use and describe them as tools.

Explain that if they find them, they must give them to an adult.

1. Use the matches and lighters tools or toys activity. Print the images of the items photographed in the "Tools, not toys" PDF activity.

These can be cut out and used as an activity for children to sort as tools and toys.

Activity 3

Fires Are Fast

It takes only 3 minutes to lose your home to fire and possibly your family.

Fires give off poisonous smoke and if you breathe it you will die.

Talk with your children about why it is important to keep safe.

The Tamati and Sam story illustrates the speed of fire and shows a short video of the *speed of fire*. P8.

Activity 4

Smoke Alarms

Complete these questions with your child.

1. How many smoke alarms do you have?
2. What rooms are they in?
3. After testing smoke alarms, how many were working?

If you don't have smoke alarms, get some!

Activity 5

Make Your Escape Plan

With your family, draw a plan of your house on the Escape Plan Grid (supplied as a PDF).

Mark 2 ways out. E.g. the door and window.

Place your plan in a spot where children can remember to practice. E.g. the fridge.

Activity 6

Safe Meeting Place

A safe meeting place is where you and your family will meet outside if there is a fire in your home.

Work with your child to write down:

1. where your safe meeting place is
2. your street name and number or Rapid Rural Number and road
3. dial 111 in an emergency

The safe meeting place sticker is downloadable for your safe meeting place.

Activity 7

Call 111

Teach your children to call 111 in an emergency.

You could role play the call using an old phone that is switched off or unplugged.

Activity 8

Get Down, Get Low, Get Out – FAST

Practice **get down, get low, get out** – FAST with the whole family escaping from the living room and bedrooms and going to the safe meeting place.

Time the activity and practice again from a bedroom.