

Teaching Kids Fire Safety

An activity of "Fire destroys Bangladesh slum"

Read "**Fire destroys Bangladesh slum**" (page 8, *What's Up* September 2019).

All of us have seen fire extinguishers and fire hydrants. These can be found in many areas and buildings. Some of us may have even heard the fire alarm. Buildings such as schools and shopping malls are usually well equipped to deal with fires. However, what do we do if a fire breaks out at home?

Imagine that you have to teach a primary 1 class about fire safety. How would you explain fire safety to these children? What are some important things that they need to know?

1. Work in small groups. Create a picture book about fire safety. Picture books have lots of illustrations and the text is typically simple and easily understood by young children.

Write a short story that would show your readers what to do (and not do) if a fire breaks out at home. After reading your picture book, the young children should be able to answer these questions:

- a. What do you do if there is a fire at home?
 - b. Who should you call in case of a fire?
 - c. What should you do if your clothes catch fire?
2. Share your picture book with two or three primary 1 students at your school or in your neighbourhood. Observe their response to your book.
 3. Within your project team, reflect on which parts of your picture book were attractive to the young children. Were they convinced about the need for fire safety? What did this project mean to you as a project team?

Your reflections about the use of a picture book for teaching kids about fire safety: