



## **FIRE LESSON PLAN**

The lessons taught in a classroom often reach well beyond the surrounding walls. Help your students stay safe at home by teaching them about fire safety and prevention. This fire safety lesson and the corresponding activities will help teach your students the importance of knowing what to do if there is a fire. Remember...knowledge is the most precious gift we can give our students.

### **Objectives**

- Understand the importance of home safety
- Know two ways to get out of your home in case there is a fire
- Create an escape plan

### **Needed materials**

- Home Escape Plan Worksheet (FireFYI.org)
- Pen or pencil
- Completed escape plan as a sample
- Smoke alarm

## **LESSON PLAN**

### **Introduction**

Ask students to close their eyes and try to see what their own home looks like inside from memory. Start with the bedroom, then take them through the home room by room. Ask guiding questions to make sure they are visualizing what their home looks like inside. When the "tour" is finished, ask students to open their eyes. Ask some of the following questions: Could you see each room? Where do you spend the most time? Why is it important to know where things are in your home? Can you find exits easily in each room? Would you know how to get out quickly and safely, if there is a fire? Does everyone in your family know how to get out and know what to do?

### **Discussion Points**

- Know the sound the smoke alarm makes when it goes off. Push the test button so students know what sound it makes.
- Having a plan for quick escape can save a lot of time and confusion if there is a fire in your home.
- Make sure that furniture and locked doors and windows won't slow you down.
- Agree on a safe meeting place outside—make sure it is far enough away from your home and out of harms way. Do not choose a place like a busy street or sidewalk...just in case the fire truck can't see you if it is dark.
- Practice your escape plan with the whole family...everybody needs to know how to get out safely.

### **Independent Learning**

- Distribute copies of the Home Escape Plan Worksheet. Explain that they will need to think about what their home looks like inside.

- Guide students in drawing the basic diagram of their home while marking what type of room it is (bedroom, kitchen, etc.)
- When students have completed the drawing, instruct them to find two ways out of every room and draw an arrow of the route. (see sample escape plan that may be used as a guide—perhaps make a transparency that can be used on a projector)

**Additional Activities**

- Visit [www.FireFYI.org](http://www.FireFYI.org) or [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) for more fire safety information.
- Have students present their plan to classmates – either in small groups or individually to the entire class.