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Activity Guide #1

Tito, the Firefighter / Tito, el bombero

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Subjects
Drama
Fire Safety

Brief Description
Children will follow the instruction in a poem and act out the narrative. This will give the child an idea of what firefighters do in a fire emergency. It will give insight into a firefighter's actions in a fire and what it's like to be a firefighter.

Objectives
- Experience what a firefighter does in an emergency fire scenario

Key Words
Fire emergency, firefighters, drama skills

Grade Level(s)
K-3

Materials Needed
Poem, *What It's Like To Be A Firefighter*

Activities
- Read the following poem aloud and have child/children follow the instructions in the poem and act out the narrative.

  What It's Like to Be A Firefighter
  Down on your knees and get ready to go.
  The door is opened by the axe's blow.
  The nozzle to the hose is in your hand.
  When fire greets you at the door, don't stand!
  Heat and smoke are a fire's hello.

  Crawl on your belly and stay down low.
  Under the heat and smoke you must go.
  Keep dragging the hose—you're not there yet!
  There's fire in the room to your left!
  Now squirt the water at the red glow!

Crawl on your belly and move in slow.
Cool down the fire before you go.
Smoke blackens the beam of your flashlight.
There's a fire in the room to your right!
Now squirt the water at the red glow!

If you close your eyes then you will know
How dark it gets in the fire's throe.
Use all your senses—feel for the wall,
Listen for the crackle down the hall,
And follow the heat to the fire's glow.

Crawl on your belly and stay down low.
Courage! You've still a long way to go.
The hallway seems like it's two miles long,
But turning back you know would be wrong,
So you will go where you have to go.

Out of the hose you have a good flow.
Come on! Whip the water to and fro!
Fire makes steam out of this greeting.
Keep going! The fire is retreating.
Water is a firefighter's hello.

At last you have reached the front window—
Fresh air you thought you'd never again know!
Look! The smoke has begun turning white!
The room is no longer black as night.
Shut down the nozzle and take a blow.

Good job!

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