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SESAME STREET

Wildfires: Color & Learn

Learn to **PREVENT**, **PREPARE** for, and **PROTECT** Against Wildfires

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SESAME WORKSHOP



Emotional Preparedness *IS* Preparedness

Talking with children about wildfires can be difficult and may bring up big feelings and questions. Let children know what to expect. This will keep their attention and gain their trust. Tell children **“It’s Okay to Be Scared, That’s Why We’re Prepared!”** Explain that you understand their feelings. Follow your child’s lead; usually their questions will let you know how much they’re ready to hear.

Grown-up Tip

Try telling children about wildfires with this simple explanation.

Q: What is a wildfire?

A: A wildfire is a fire that starts outside—in any place that has trees, grass, bushes, or plants—and can spread to other places.

Wildfires get dangerous if they spread to places where people live, like homes or buildings. Wildfires start because of lightning or because people make mistakes like not putting out a campfire.

Dear Caregivers,

Wildfires can happen anywhere and anytime.* No matter where you live, there are ways for everyone (and every family member!) to help, which benefit the whole community. When in doubt, remember the **3 Ps**:

Prevent wildfire by clearing flammable materials away from the home and practicing fire safety when outdoors.

Prepare for wildfire by practicing your evacuation route and packing a family “go bag” in advance.

Protect from wildfire by staying informed and listening to the special helpers (firefighters) who keep us safe.

*Wildfires that happen near towns or cities are often described as occurring in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
usfa.fema.gov/wui

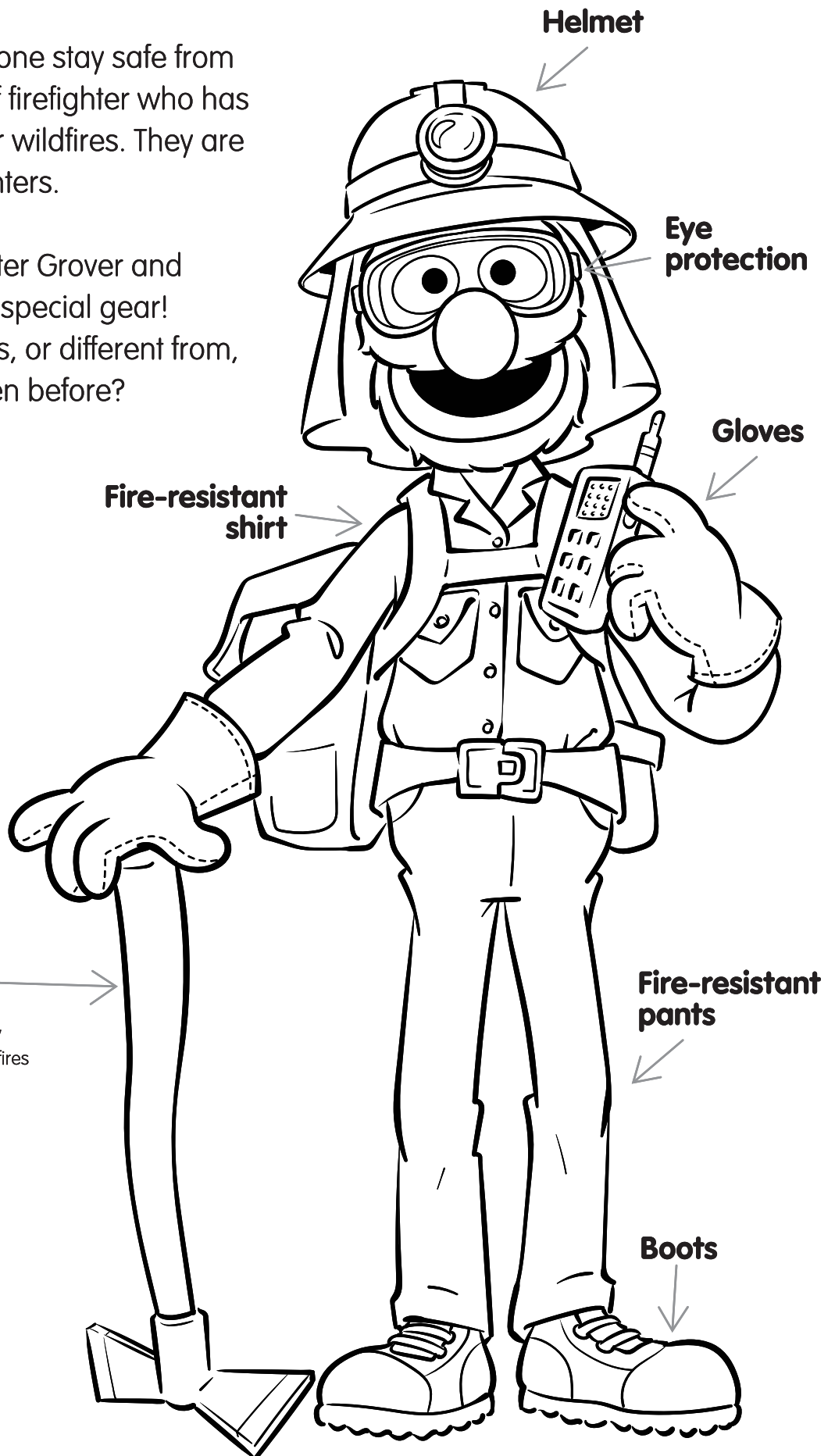
HERE TO HELP

Firefighters help everyone stay safe from fires. There is a kind of firefighter who has special training just for wildfires. They are called wildland firefighters.

Color wildland firefighter Grover and check out some of his special gear! How is he the same as, or different from, a firefighter you've seen before?

Pulaski

Wildland firefighters use a special tool called a Pulaski to clear away plants and roots to help stop wildfires from spreading.



Helmet

Eye protection

Gloves

Fire-resistant shirt

Fire-resistant pants

Boots

LISTEN, SEE, SMELL, TELL

If there is a wildfire, or any emergency, you can stay safe by listening to grown-ups and special helpers (like firefighters!). Color Abby's ears, eyes, nose, and mouth and learn about how she uses each to stay safe. Then, draw your own face.

Grown-up Tip

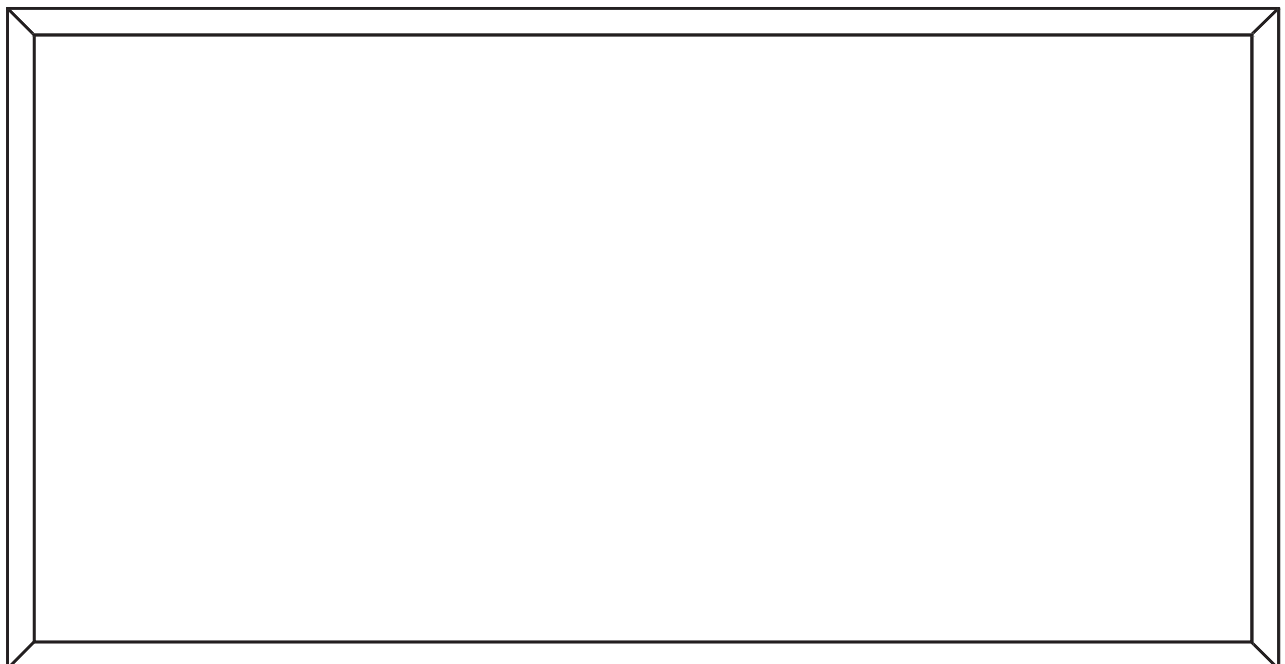
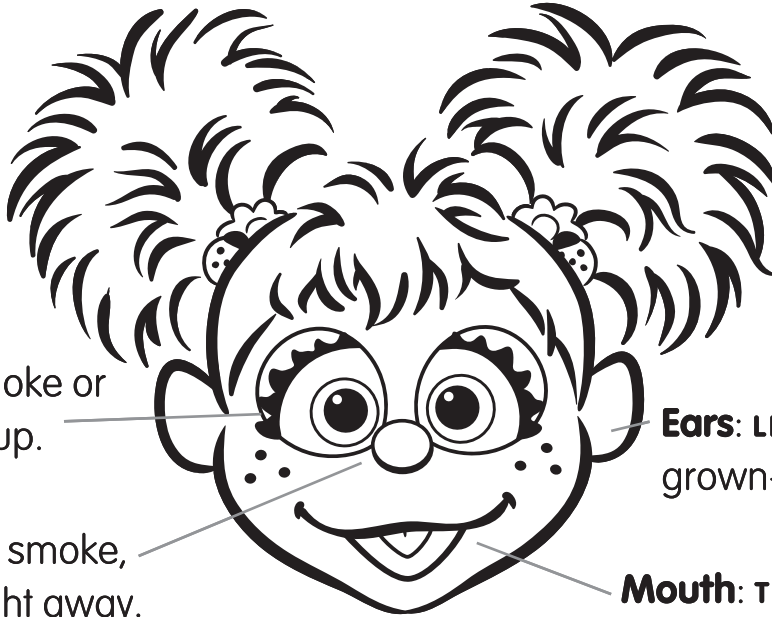
Grown-ups can use their listening superpowers to stay updated and be ready to act quickly if an emergency happens. Visit [ready.gov/alerts](https://www.ready.gov/alerts) to learn different ways to stay informed.

Eyes: If you **SEE** smoke or fire, find a grown-up.

Nose: If you **SMELL** smoke, tell a grown-up right away.

Ears: **LISTEN** to the grown-ups around you.

Mouth: **TELL** a grown-up if you see or smell smoke or fire.

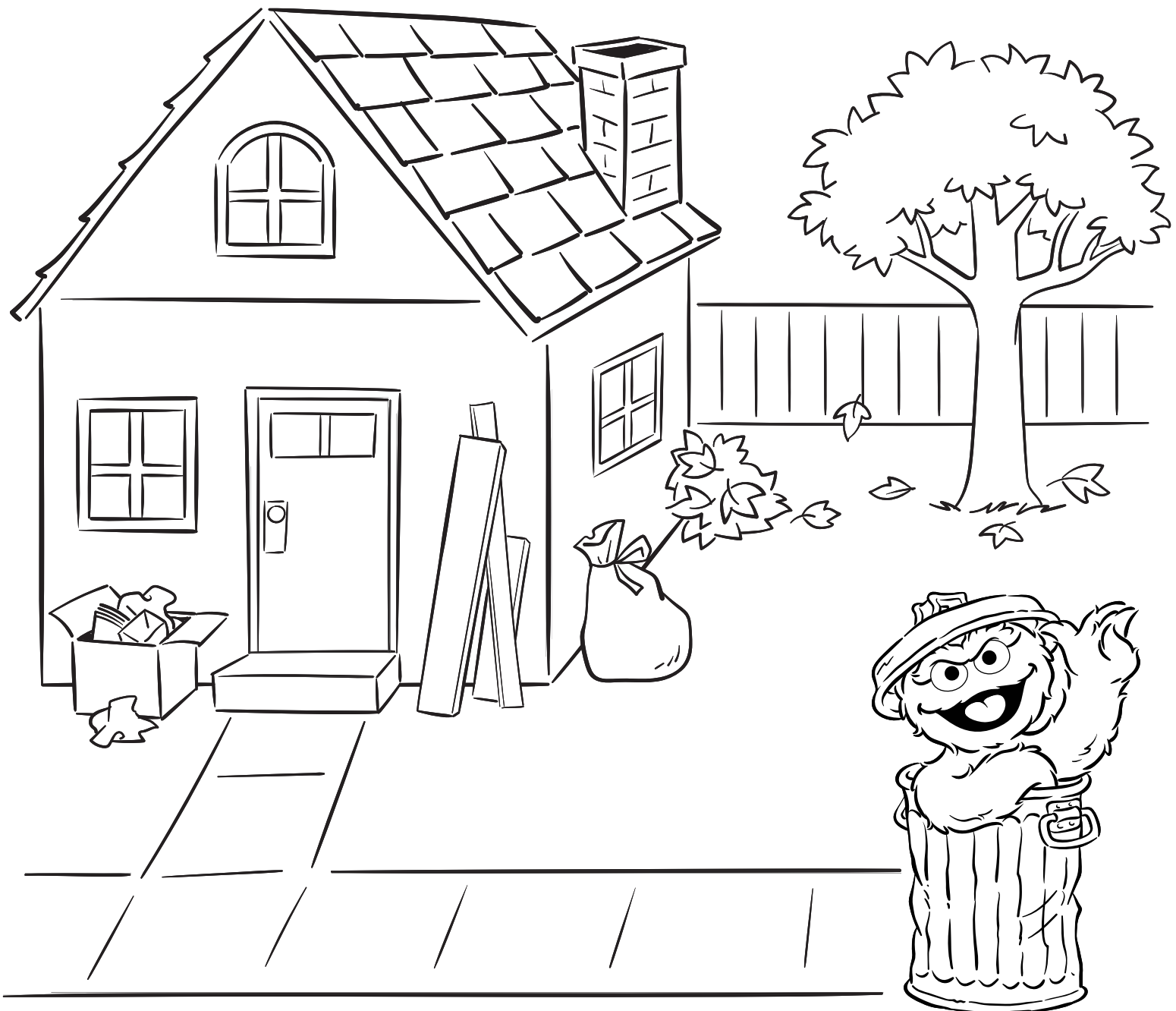


IN THE CLEAR

When leaves or sticks pile up too close to the home, it's easier for fire to spread. Help Oscar clean up the yard by crossing out the things that are too close to the house.

Grown-up Tip

Consider how to prevent the spread of wildfires where you live. Whether you are in a house or apartment building, you can clear flammable vegetation and debris from around your home and from your gutters (or alert building management). You can also make sure grills and campfires are never left unattended, and fully put out after use.



GO, GO, GO BAG

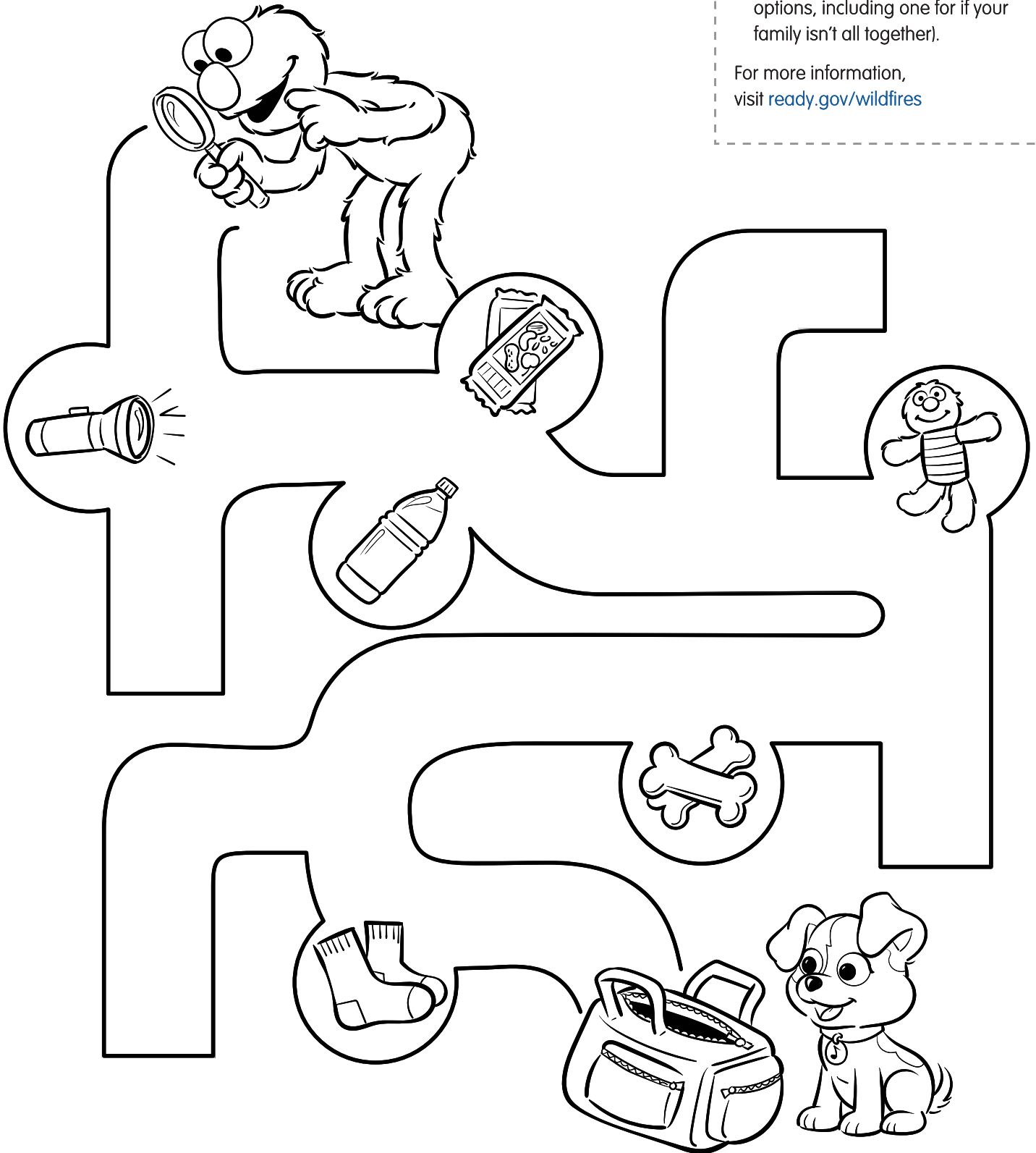
If a wildfire happens near your home, your family may need to leave quickly to stay safe. Preparing a “go bag” means you’ll have the things you need with you. Follow the path to help Elmo and Tango collect things for their family’s go bag.

Grown-up Tip

To be prepared for evacuation, your family might:

- Collect important documents and supplies.
- Plan and practice an evacuation route (it’s best to have two options, including one for if your family isn’t all together).

For more information, visit ready.gov/wildfires



OUR INSIDE ADVENTURE

Wildfires make clouds of smoke that can travel to different places. Even if a wildfire isn't close to your house, you might smell smoke in the air or see the sky change color. Breathing in too much smoke isn't good for us, so special helpers might ask us to stay indoors until it passes.

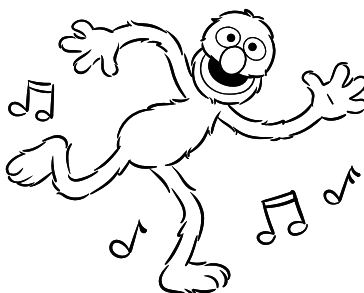
Color and cut out these cards for ideas for indoor days, then pick one and try it. On the blank card, draw your favorite indoor activity!

Grown-up Tip

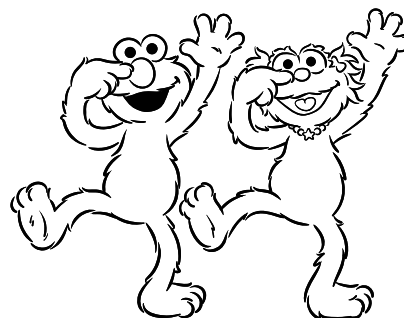
Visit airnow.gov to check the air quality where you live. If you need to go outside on a high-risk day, consider moving at a slower pace and wearing a smoke-safe mask, like an N95 respirator. For more information visit usfa.fema.gov/blog/minimizing-the-effects-of-wildfire-smoke



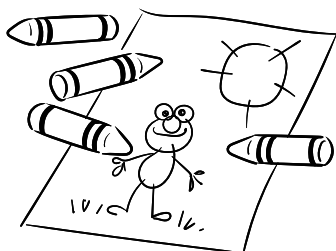
Hide & Seek



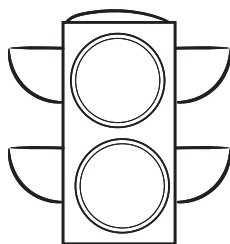
Freeze Dance



Simon Says



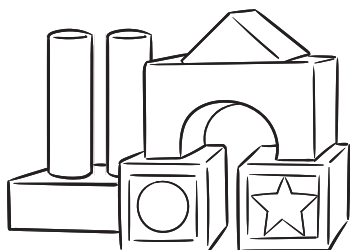
Draw a Picture



Red Light Green Light



Read a Book



Building with Blocks



I-spy



TOGETHER WE CAN

Everyone can work together to prevent, prepare for, and protect from wildfire.
Chant these words together!

Grown-ups and helpers
show me how to stay safe.
We work together
to protect our favorite place!

