

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Tanner will understand the basics of fire and arson prevention and safety, including how to identify fire hazards, the importance of fire safety plans, and the role of firefighters in the community. Tanner will also learn how to respond in case of a fire emergency.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for notes
- Access to a computer or tablet for research
- Fire safety pamphlets or printouts (if available)
- Whiteboard or large paper for brainstorming ideas
- Markers or colored pencils

Before the lesson, ensure Tanner knows the basic concepts of fire (what it is, how it starts) and has a safe space to conduct any hands-on activities or discussions.

Activities

• Fire Hazard Hunt:

Tanner will conduct a scavenger hunt around the house to identify potential fire hazards. This could include checking for overloaded outlets, flammable materials near heat sources, and ensuring smoke detectors are present and functional.

• Create a Fire Safety Plan:

Tanner will draft a fire safety plan for the home, including escape routes, meeting points outside, and a list of emergency contacts. This will help him understand the importance of being prepared.

• Role-Playing Firefighters:

Engage in a role-playing activity where Tanner pretends to be a firefighter responding to a fire. Discuss the steps firefighters take and what equipment they use, enhancing understanding through imaginative play.

• Research Project:

Tanner will research a famous fire incident (like the Great Chicago Fire) and prepare a short presentation. This will help him learn about the historical context of fire safety and prevention.

Talking Points

- "Fire is a chemical reaction that needs fuel, heat, and oxygen to exist. Can you think of what might be found in your home that could start a fire?"
- "Preventing fires starts with understanding where they can happen. What are some common places you think fires might start?"
- "Having a fire escape plan is crucial. Why do you think it's important to know two ways out of every room?"
- "Firefighters are not just heroes; they are trained professionals who help keep our community safe. What do you think their job is like?"
- "Did you know that smoke detectors save lives? How often do you think we should check them?"

- "Practicing fire drills at home can help everyone know what to do in an emergency. When was the last time you practiced?"
- "Understanding fire safety can help you feel more secure at home. What is one thing you learned today that you can share with your family?"