

Aaron's Promise Activities



Story outline

Aaron is playing in the park with his sister when he finds a lighter. Instead of handing the lighter to his mum, Aaron makes the fateful decision to keep it to play with at home. What happens next is an all too well-known scenario for many young West Australians: Aaron lights a fire in his bedroom that quickly gets out of control. Aaron and his family are forced to escape their burning house.

Target audience

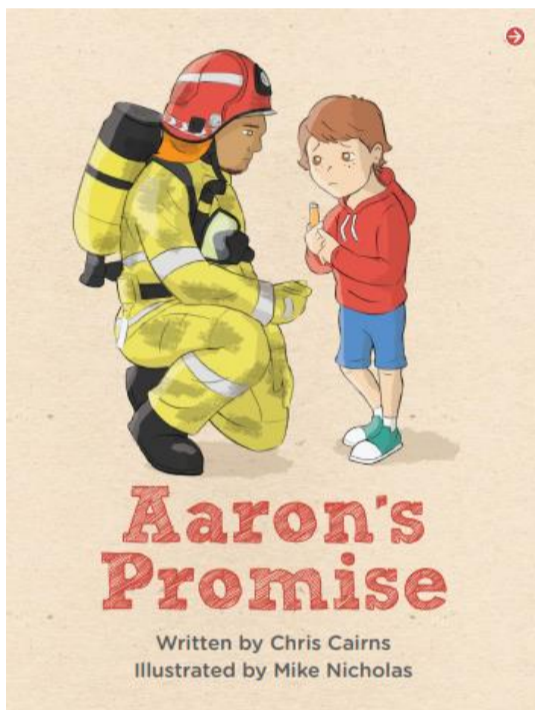
These activities are suitable for children aged 4 to 8 years. With younger children you may choose to ask less questions and provide them with more prompts.

Activity

Aaron's Promise eBook can be downloaded from the [DFES website](#).

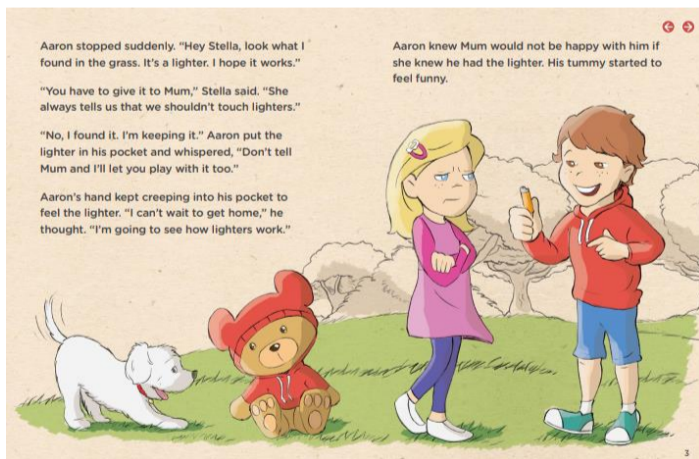
Read the book to your child. We have included some suggested questions during reading. Pause at the end of each of the pages to ask and answer your child's questions.

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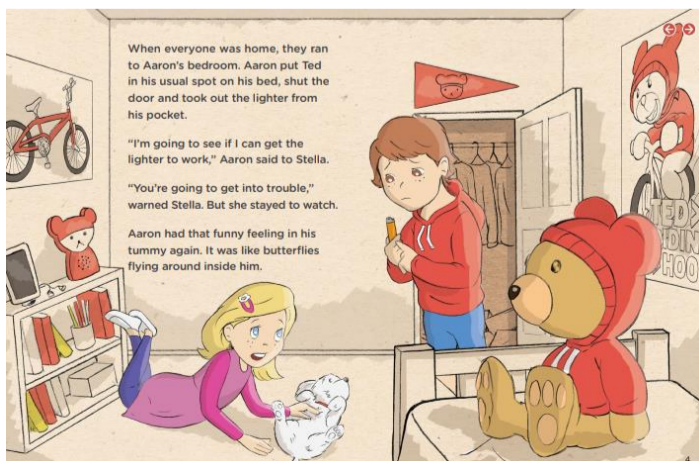
- What do you think this story is about?
- What does the boy have in his hand?

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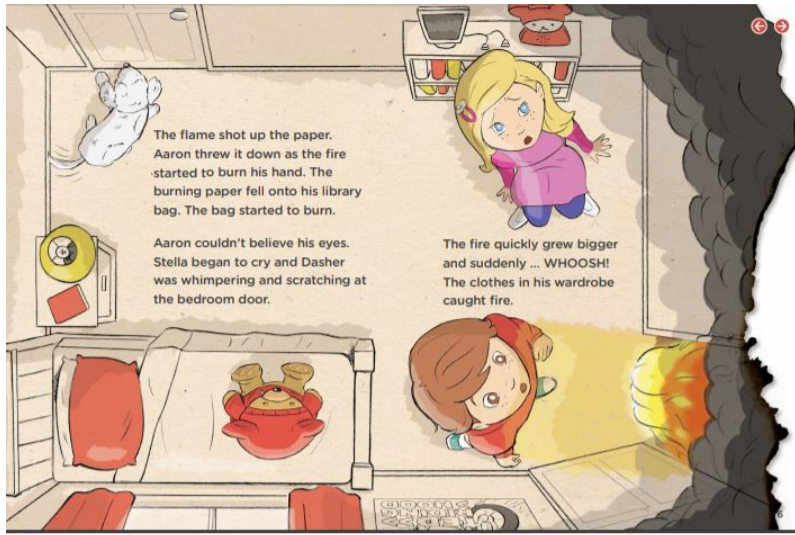


- What did Aaron do with the lighter?
- What should Aaron have done with the lighter?
- What could Stella have done?

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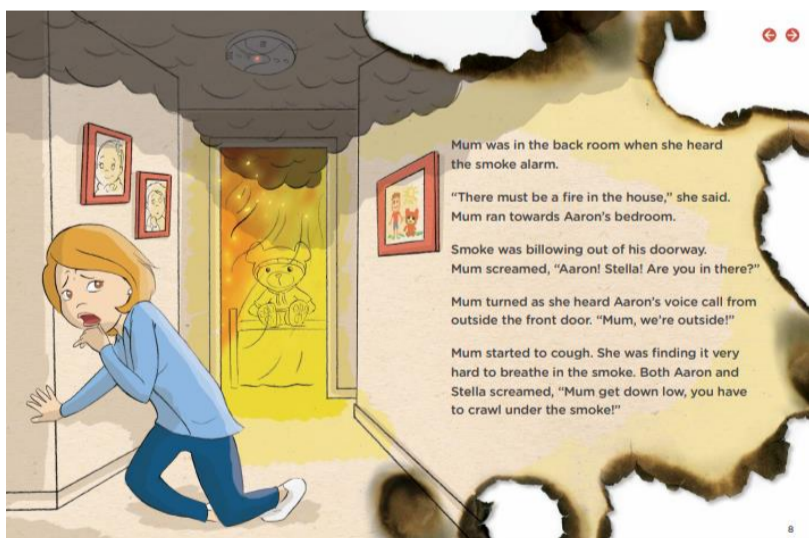
- What has happened with the paper that Aaron was playing with?
- Why are Aaron and Stella looking up?

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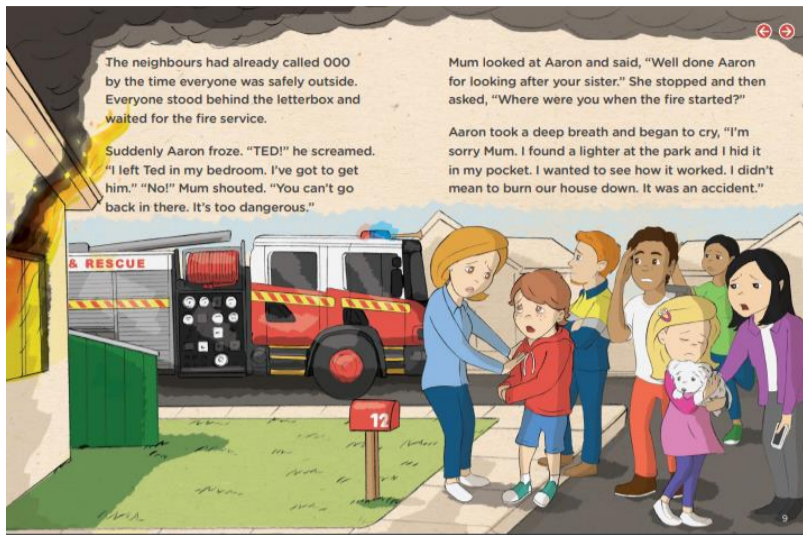
- What do Aaron and Stella do to move out of the room? (They crawl on their hands and knees to stay below the smoke – Get Down Low and Go Go Go!)

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- How does Mum know there is a fire? What sound does the smoke alarm make?

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- Everyone is outside. Why are they standing at the letterbox? (It is their agreed meeting place?)
- What phone number do you call if there is a fire?
- Ted is still inside. Should Aaron go back inside to get Ted?
- Why is it important to stay together and not go back into a burning house?

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- What promise does Aaron make to the firefighter?
- What could you do if you found a lighter or matches?
- Do you have any questions?

Suggested activities with your children after reading the book

- Have a follow-up conversation with your child about the story
- Draw a picture of what they should do if they find matches or lighters in the park
- Act out 'Get down low and Go Go Go' – by crawling underneath pretend smoke
- Take your children to see the working smoke alarms in your house
- Have a conversation with your child about a 'meeting place' for your family in the case of a fire emergency
- Practice meeting together at the meeting place of your house.