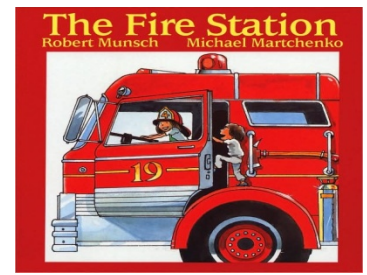




# The Fire Station

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In this story, curious Michael and Sheila decide to have a look around the fire station and in the fire truck but end up in a real mess when an emergency fire call is made!

## Before:

Before reading, take a moment to introduce the story to the children. Use the cover to ask questions and gain their interest. A good example question would be, "It looks like Sheila and Michael are climbing into the fire truck. Do you think Sheila is going to drive the fire truck?"

## During:

While you are reading make sure to pause, observe the illustrations, and ask questions about them. Talk about how Sheila and Michael go into the truck without supervision and end up at an emergency fire call. Point out any "rare words" and help define them in a way that the children understand best.

### Rare Words in *The Fire Station*

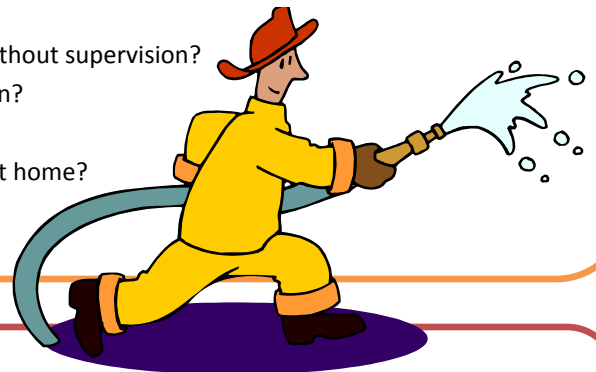
**Enormous:** very large in size      **Roared:** moving at a high speed and making a loud, long lasting noise

**Siren:** device that makes a loud prolonged sound as a signal or warning      **Yucky:** messy or disgusting

## After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- Do you think Sheila and Michael should have gone into the fire truck without supervision?
- What happened to Sheila and Michael when an emergency was called in?
- What colours of smoke did each of them become covered in?
- Did either of Sheila or Michael's parent recognize them when they went home?
- What happened when they decided to get inside of the police car?



## Let's Talk About *The Fire Station*

Sheila and Michael were curious about the fire station so asked if they could go in a look around. Have you ever been to a fire station or police station? Have you been for a ride in a fire truck or police car? Do you know a firefighter or police officer?

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## Egg Carton Fire Truck

### Materials Needed:

- Egg Carton
- Pipe Cleaner
- Construction Paper
- Paint & Paint Brush
- Small Picture of Child's Face
- Glue



Cut the top of the egg carton off and use the bottom. Paint the egg carton red like a fire truck. Use the pipe cleaner to create a ladder and create wheels out of the construction paper. When the paint is dry glue on the wheels, ladder and a picture of yourself in the driver seat to make it more personal. There you have it!



## Finger Play Fun



### Five Friendly Firefighters

Five friendly firefighters standing near the door,  
(Hold up five fingers.)

One washes the fire engine, now there are four.  
(Bend down thumb.)

Four friendly firefighters waiting patiently,

One fixes the hoses, now there are three.  
(Bend down pointer finger.)

Three friendly firefighters have a lot to do,

One climbs up a ladder, now there are two.  
(Bend down middle finger.)

Two friendly firefighters exercise and run

One cooks some dinner, now there is one.  
(Bend down ring finger.)

One friendly firefighter-all the work is done,

This one goes to bed, now there are none.  
(Bend down little finger.)

## What's inside the kit ?



- Five Little Firefighters Rhyme
- Open The Truck Door Finger Play
- Playdough Recipe and Transportation Cutters
- Sesame Street Firefighter and Police Officer Figurine
- Transportation Cards
- Whose Tools?
- Community Helper Match
- Fire Truck Numeracy Order
- Truck Number Puzzle
- Number Clip Cards
- Letter Clip Cards

