

The family sat on the front porch of their brick home. Soon they heard the siren of a fire truck. That meant trouble. They wondered what might have happened. The oldest boy guessed a building was on fire. His younger brother thought it might be an accident. Their little sister was sure the firemen were hurrying to help find a lost puppy.

That evening the family sat in the kitchen. The mother and father talked to their children. The parents were concerned. What would the family do in an emergency? How would they escape if their house were on fire? They discussed the problem. They decided on a plan.

The family needed to stay calm. First, they had to get out quickly. If the house was smoky, crawling on their hands and knees was a good idea. Then they would meet in the front yard. Once they were all together, they would know everyone was safe. The oldest would use the neighbor's phone to call 9-1-1. The rest of the family would wait for help.