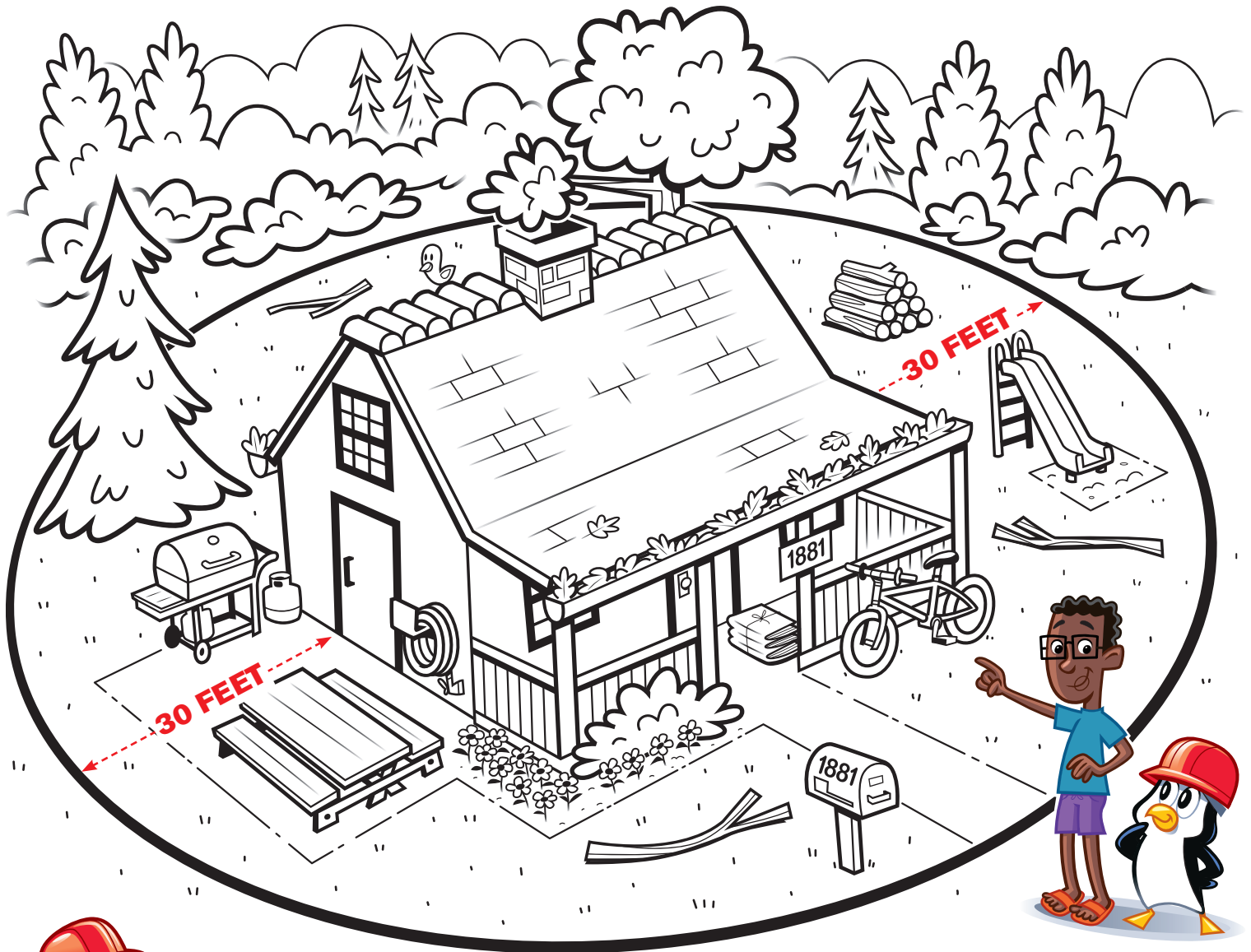


Prepare with Pedro! Wildfires

Create a Safety Zone

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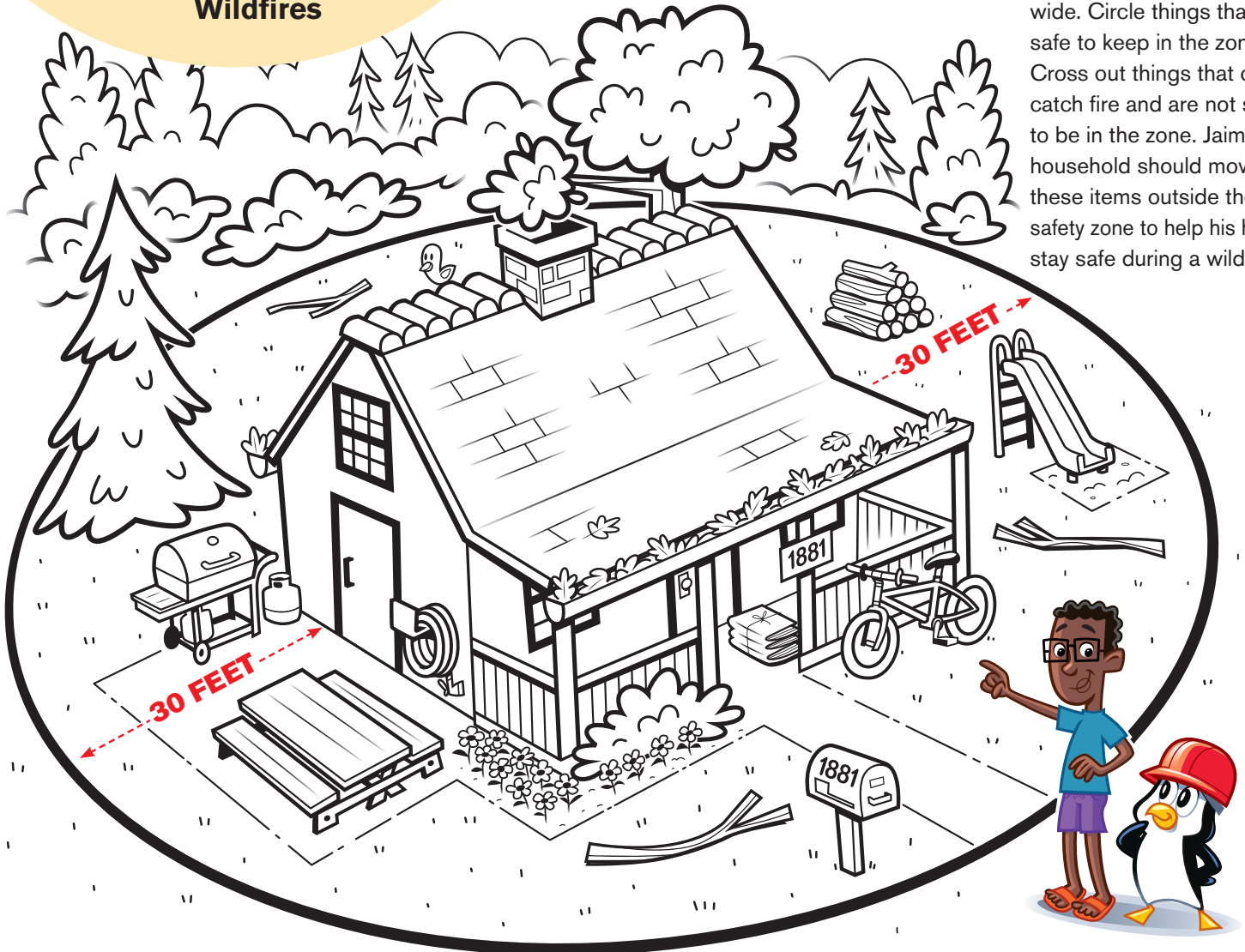
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Wildfires

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WORD BANK

lightning
campfire
grill
fireworks

Part 2: Pedro has tips about some causes of wildfires and how to prevent them. Fill in the blanks below using the words from the word bank to complete the sentences.

1. Put out a _____ with lots of water before you leave the campsite.
2. Wildfires can start when _____ strikes trees or grass during a storm.
3. A grown-up should always stay by a _____ when cooking outdoors.
4. _____ can start a wildfire if they are not used safely.

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Make a Plan

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T A C H W

H T E

S K E O M

_____!

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A Message to Grown-ups



Your child has been learning how to help prepare for and be safe during a wildfire. Ask your child to share what they've learned about wildfires. Then work together to help your household prepare by packing an emergency "go kit" and making a wildfire evacuation plan. Reassure your child that you will oversee the planning with their help so that they don't feel it is their job.

Pack a Go Kit!

Read the below items that the American Red Cross recommends including in a wildfire go kit in case you need to evacuate. Have a home scavenger hunt to find and collect as many of the items as you can, and then put them in a bag or covered plastic tub that you can quickly grab in case your household needs to evacuate. Consider purchasing any items you do not have. Include any other important items your household would want to have with them in case of evacuation. Remember to plan for pets, too.

- Water: one gallon per person, per day for 3 days
- Food: non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items for 3-days (plus manual can opener)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list, medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Household and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Games and activities

Make a Wildfire Evacuation Plan

Next, work together to look at a map of your community and plan at least two evacuation routes to use in a wildfire if officials do not provide one. Also agree on a set "meeting spot" that everyone knows how to get to, in case your household becomes separated. Then outline your evacuation routes on a piece of paper or poster board and encourage your child to add landmark illustrations along each route. Make sure to include your meet-up spot and contact information. Finally, create a list of people you should notify if you must evacuate, and either write the list on your map or place it in your go bag (ideally both).

Practice, Practice, Practice

Check your emergency go kit regularly and replenish any items missing or in short supply, especially medications or medical supplies. Practice your wildfire evacuation plan as a drill at least twice a year. Make sure everyone knows your two evacuation routes and can easily find your meeting spot!

Learn More!

For more information, check out [redcross.org/prepare](https://www.redcross.org/prepare).

