

**WHO helps all of his friends in the story? Fireman Small.** First, he helps Tiny Cat climb down from a tree. Then, he helps Little Bunny climb out of a well. Last, he helps put out the fire at Hippopotamus' bakery.

**WHAT does Fireman Small hear when his friends need help?** He hears the alarm bell! RING RING RING!

**WHERE does Fireman Small go after he helps his friends?** He goes to the fire station and gets into bed.

**WHEN does Fireman Small slide down the pole at the fire station?** After he hears the alarm bell.

**WHY is Fireman Small so tired?** He had been working very hard.

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## Fireman Small – Monday

### First Read-Aloud

#### 1. Before reading - introduce characters and the problem.

##### i. Characters –

1. Fireman Small – A small fireman
2. Neighbors – Farmer Pig, Tiny Cat, Mother Rabbit, Little Bunny, Hippopotamus (Bakery owner) who need Fireman Small's help

##### ii. Problems –

1. Tiny Cat is stuck in a tree and can't get down. Fireman Small has a ladder to climb up and help her.
2. Little Bunny falls down a well and can't get out. Fireman Small has a rope to bring her back up.
3. The Bakery is on fire. Fireman Small has a water hose to put out the fire.
4. Fireman Small is trying to sleep, but the alarm keeps ringing and waking him up. He has to help his friends before he can go back to sleep.

#### 2. While reading - expand vocabulary: introduce 8-10 words to highlight and define (show pictures & act out).

- i. Fire man/woman/fighter – Someone whose job it is to put out fires.
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- v. Emergency – When someone gets hurt or is stuck and needs help really fast.
- vi. Glare – A very bright light.
- vii. Spring – To jump up quickly.
- viii. Helmet – A hard hat you wear on your head to protect it from being bumped or hurt.
- ix. Well – A deep hole in the ground that has water in it.
- x. Bakery – A place where bread, cakes, and cookies are made.
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#### 3. Comment on main character's thoughts and feelings.

- i. Fireman Small feels happy because he gets to help his friends out of tricky places.
- ii. Fireman Small feels tired because the fire alarm keeps waking him up.

#### 4. After reading - invite explanations, wonder aloud, and ask follow-up questions.

- i. *Why do Fireman Small's friends call him for help?* They know that he has the tools to help them, and that they should call the fire department when there is an emergency.
- ii. *How does Fireman Small know when there is an emergency?* The fire alarm rings.
- iii. *Why is Fireman Small tired?* He keeps being woken up by the alarm when his friends need help.
- iv. *How does Fireman Small help Tiny Cat get down from the tree?* He climbs up on his ladder so he can reach her when she falls.

- v. *How does Mother Rabbit feel when Fireman Small saves Little Bunny from the well?* She feels happy and thankful that Fireman Small could help.
- vi. *How does Fireman Small travel to where his friends need help?* He drives his firetruck. *What is on the firetruck that he uses to go faster?* The siren, to tell the other cars to move out of the way.
- vii. *What kinds of tools does Fireman Small use to do his job?* He wears pants, boots, a helmet, and a coat. He drives a firetruck with a siren. His firetruck has a ladder, rope, and a fire hose.
- viii. *Why do Fireman Small's friends come to his house and wake him up?* They wanted to say, "Thank you for helping us today!"

## Fireman Small – Tuesday and Wednesday

### Second and Third Read-Alouds

#### 1. Before reading - introduce characters and the problem.

##### i. Characters –

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2. Neighbors – Farmer Pig, Tiny Cat, Mother Rabbit, Little Bunny, Hippopotamus (Bakery owner) who need Fireman Small's help

##### ii. Problems –

1. Tiny Cat is stuck in a tree and can't get down. Fireman Small has a ladder to climb up and help her.
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#### 3. Comment on main character's thoughts and feelings.

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## Fireman Small – Thursday and Friday

### Fourth & Fifth Read-Alouds

#### 1) Before reading - encourage children to recall characters, problem and solution.

- i. *Do you remember who this story is about?* Fireman Small. *What is Fireman Small's job?* He's a fireman. *How does Fireman Small feel before his friends call him for help?* Tired, because he is in bed and trying to sleep.
- ii. *How does Fireman Small reach Tiny Cat, who is high up in a tree?* He uses a ladder to climb up and catch her.
- iii. *What does Fireman Small use to save Little Bunny, who is down at the bottom of the well?* He uses a rope to climb down and bring her back up.
- iv. *How does Fireman Small help Hippopotamus the bakery owner?* He puts out the fire at the bakery with his fire hose. He sprays the water until the fire goes out.
- v. *When does Fireman Small finally get to go to sleep?* After his friends come to his house to thank him for all his help, they tell him to go to bed, and he does.
- vi. *Do you think Fireman Small will be able to sleep now?* Yes, because all of his friends are safe and sound, and there are no more emergencies.

#### i. Problem –

1. There were a lot of problems in this book! Fireman Small is trying to sleep, but the alarm in the fire station keeps ringing! The alarm means that his friends need help. The first problem is that Tiny Cat is stuck high up in a tree and can't get down. Fireman Small has to use his ladder to climb up and bring her down. The second problem is that Little Bunny is stuck down in the bottom of a well and can't get out. Fireman Small has to use his rope to climb down and bring her up. The third problem is that Hippopotamus' bakery has a fire! Fireman Small has to use his fire hose to spray water and put out the fire. Finally, all of Fireman Small's friends are safe and there are no more emergencies, and Fireman Small can finally go to sleep.

#### 2) While reading - expand vocabulary by introducing 8-10 words to highlight and define (show pictures & act out).

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#### 3) After reading - ask questions and comment on character's thoughts, feelings, and actions.

- i. *How does Fireman Small feel after being woken up so many times?* Tired and sleepy.
- ii. *How does Fireman Small feel after helping so many of his friends out of tricky places?* He feels happy that he could help and that they are safe now.
- iii. *How do you think Tiny Cat, Little Bunny, and Hippopotamus feel before Fireman Small arrives?* They probably feel scared to be stuck in places they can't get out of by themselves.

- iv. *Do you think Fireman Small ever feels scared or nervous when he's helping his friends?*
- v. *How does Fireman Small know what to do when he sees his friends need help? It's his job to help his friends and neighbors out of tricky places, and his firetruck has all the tools he needs.*

**4) Guide children to retell the story. Read pages between retellings. Ask questions that help children recall events of the story and explain what characters are thinking and feeling.**

- i. *Here's Fireman Small! Where does he live?* In the fire station! He sleeps in his bed in the fire station.
- ii. *What wakes Fireman Small up?* The alarm bell. It's really loud so he knows that there's an emergency and needs to move fast.
- iii. *When Fireman Small hears the alarm, what does he do first?* He puts on his pants, boots, helmet, and coat.
- iv. *What do you think Farmer Pig is thinking in this picture?* His hands are on his face and his mouth his open, he looks scared! He's worried that Tiny Cat will fall out of the tree and get hurt. *What is he thinking in this picture (next page)?* He's happy that Fireman Small was there to catch Tiny Cat, and that everyone is safe!
- v. *What does Fireman Small do after he helps Little Bunny return to Mother Rabbit?* He waves goodbye and drives his fire truck back to the fire station.
- vi. *What do you think Fireman Small is thinking when he sees the smoke in the sky?* He must be getting closer to the fire, and to his friend Hippopotamus, who needs his help.
- vii. *How do you think Fireman Small feels when his friends ring the doorbell to tell him, "Thank you for all your help"?* Maybe he feels tired, but he also feels happy that he was able to help, and that his friends care about him.

**5) After reading - invite explanations, wonder aloud, and ask follow-up questions.**

- i. *What is a firefighter's job?*
- ii. *Would you want to be a firefighter when you grow up?*
- iii. *Do you think you have to be brave to have Fireman Small's job?*