Community Health Evangelism
Fire Prevention Curriculum
Lesson One:
PREVENTING FIRES IN OUR HOMES
**Purpose:**
To prevent fires from occurring in our homes.

**Objectives:**
Participants will understand why fires in our homes are dangerous and how they can prevent them.

**Overview For Trainers:**
This lesson has been proven to save lives. You are playing a major role in preventing fires and saving lives when you teach this lesson. In a similar manner, the Bible encourages us to obey the truths that God teaches us in every book and not to be like the world. James warns us of the devastating effects sin can have on a person: “Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown give birth to death” (James 1:15, NIV).

For each question that you ask regarding prevention, allow the participants to come up with their own answers before providing the details. If you are teaching in a larger setting, you could use newsprint to write the questions, verses and their answers.

Please remember to give the community the correct phone number or numbers to call for emergencies in your local area (fire and medical emergencies).

**Time:** 30 to 90 minutes

**Attitude:**
Facilitator understands the role of individuals in preventing fires in the homes.

**Skill:**
Participants will be able to discuss what to do in case of a fire.

**Evaluation:**
Participants should know how to prevent and respond to fires. Participants should memorize Psalm 46:1-2: “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.”

**Materials:**
Newsprint, markers, Bibles, emergency numbers, information about local community prevention and response volunteer programs.
Sara was cooking in her house when fuel spilled and the house caught fire. She ran outside to call for help but the fire spread quickly to other houses and could not be controlled.

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HOW CAN YOU PREVENT FIRES IN YOUR HOME?
You can prevent fires by making choices in how your home is set up and the things that you do.

- Identify hazards.
- Check wiring for exposed wires, having too many appliances for the number of plugs and illegal hook ups.
- Don’t leave candles or open flames unattended.
- Ensure combustibles are not stored too close to heaters/fuel/flame (clothing, curtains, hair, fuel, paper).
- Don’t smoke in bed.
- Talk to your children and neighbors about preventing fires.

(5 to 10 minutes)
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US ABOUT THE CHOICES WE MAKE?

Read and discuss Galatians 6:7-8.
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The Bible talks about the consequences of the choices we make. When we choose to obey the truths contained within the Bible we prevent a lot of the negative consequences of sin. Reading and studying our Bibles can prevent a lot of heartache for us and our families.

Galatians 6:7-8: “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” (English Standard Version)

(5 to 10 minutes)
EXIT DRILL IN THE HOME (E.D.I.T.H.)

How would you get to safety in case of a fire?

Why is it important to practice how to get out of your home safely?

Read and discuss Ephesians 4:31-32.
EXIT DRILL IN THE HOME (E.D.I.T.H.)

How would you get to safety in case of a fire?

• Practice having a fire drill at home. (How will you get out if there is an uncontrollable fire?)
• Make sure exits are safe to use. (Feel the door if it is hot and identify another route.)
• Leave immediately.
• Sound the alarm.
• Know your escape routes. (Know routes even in the community in case the fire spreads quickly.)
• Have a meeting place outside that everyone knows (assembly point).
• Make sure everyone is accounted for.

Why is it important to practice how to get out of your home safely?

• Practicing a drill will help you to know what to do in an actual fire. During an actual fire you may be panicked and not know what to do. If you practice a safe escape you and your family will be more likely to get out of a fire without injury.
• Practicing an exit drill in the home could save your life if a fire breaks out. Similarly, practicing righteousness can please God and help to improve your life.

Read and discuss Ephesians 4:31-32.

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(10 to 15 minutes)
WHAT TO DO IN A REAL FIRE

What should you do if there is a fire?

If you are going to help fight the fire, what do you need to know?

Read and discuss Ephesians 5:8.
What should you do if there is a fire?

- Sound the alarm. Tell others by yelling: “FIRE FIRE FIRE!”
- If the fire is small and you know what to do, try to extinguish it if you can do that safely. (There are other trainings on this topic.)
- Get out and get to safety. (Don’t stop to collect your personal belongings and don’t return.)
- Close doors as you exit to try to minimize the spread of the fire.
- Call the fire brigade/fire department.
- Sound the alarm to your neighbors.
- Stay low, crawl on the floor if there is smoke and keep your mouth and nose covered (minimize smoke inhalation).
- Go to your meeting place/assembly point.
- Make sure everyone is out; take a head count.
- Unless you are helping to put out the fire, stay back from the fire and help to guide the fire brigade into the community when they arrive.

If you are going to help fight the fire, what do you need to know?

- You need to be safe first.
- Throwing the fire out into the community increases danger for everyone.
- Mobilize others to help. Gather tools to help fight the fire.

Read and discuss Ephesians 5:8.
During a real fire it is easier not to panic if you are prepared. The Bible encourages us to walk in all of God’s ways and follow Jesus.

*Ephesians 5:8: “For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.” (ESV)*

(10 to 20 minutes)
Do you know the firefighters who respond to your community?

What do you think about them?

How can you help them when they come to fight a fire in your community?

Would you be interested in volunteering to help fight fires in your community or to help others learn about fire prevention?
WHAT IS THE NUMBER FOR CONTACTING THE FIRE BRIGADE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
Provide the number for the fire brigade and other emergency services.

Your local fire brigade wants to help the community.
• Do you know the firefighters who respond to your community?
• What do you think about them?

How can you help them when they come to fight a fire in your community?
• Firefighters want to help you and your community.
• Some fire brigades do not have enough resources to get to your home quickly, but they are coming to help.
• When the fire brigade arrives, make space for them by clearing the area so that the fire truck can get through.
• Throwing rocks at the firefighters or their equipment, cutting the fire hose, damaging or stealing equipment means that the firefighters cannot help you as easily when they come and may cause them to leave.

• You can help make the community safe for firefighters to come and assist you by telling others that firefighters are there to help you.

Would you be interested in volunteering to help fight fires in your community or to help others learn about fire prevention?

Provide information about volunteer brigades or community fire prevention and response activities.

(5 to 10 minutes)
What have you learned from this lesson?
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• You can prevent fires in your home by being diligent about safety in your home.

• Practicing fire exit plans with your family will allow them to escape safely in case of a real fire.

• If there is a real fire, notify others, get to safety and notify the fire brigade.

• The fire brigade wants to help you and your community stop the fire.
Lesson Two:
SAFE USE OF CANDLES AND LAMPS
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Purpose:
To prevent fires from occurring due to improper use of candles and other heating and light sources.

Objectives:
Participants will understand how to safely use candles and other heating and light sources.

Overview For Trainers:
This lesson has been proven to save lives. You are playing a major role in preventing fires and saving lives when you teach this lesson. In a similar manner, the Bible encourages us to let our lights shine so that others may see our godly examples.

For each question that you ask regarding prevention, allow the participants to come up with their own answers before providing the details. If you are teaching in a larger setting, you could use newsprint to write the questions, verses and their answers.

Please remember to give the community the correct phone number or numbers to call for emergencies in your local area (fire and medical emergencies).

Time: 30 to 60 minutes

Attitude:
Facilitator understands the role of candles and other heating and light sources for lighting purposes and how to properly use them.

Skill:
Participants will be able to discuss how to use candles and lamps and how they can be dangerous.

Evaluation:
Participants should be able to name ways to safely use candles and lamps to prevent dangerous fires. Participants will know how to contact the fire brigade in case of fire.

Participants should memorize Matthew 5:15: “Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.” (NIV)

Materials:
Newsprint, markers, Bibles, emergency numbers
The boys, Dan and Dominic, stared at the candle burning on the table in their home. They had become mesmerized by the flickering of the flames. Their sister, Lynn, ran into the room and knocked over the candle. The flame hit a curtain and started a fire.
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CANDLES AND LAMPS – USES AND DANGERS

Candle and Lamp Uses:
What are some uses for candles and lamps?

Dangers of Candles and Lamps:
What are the dangers of using candles and lamps?

What other materials in your home are dangerous for fires?
Candle and Lamp Uses
What are some uses for candles and lamps?
• Lighting living areas.
• Starting cooking fires.

Dangers of Candles and Lamps
What are the dangers of using candles and lamps?
• A lot of fires that are caused by candles and lamps occur in the living space.
• Falling asleep accounts for many of the fires started by candles and lamps.
• Combustibles left too close to candles and lamps account for more than half of the fires started by candles and lamps. Combustibles include clothing, curtains, hair, fuel, paper and anything else that will catch fire.
• Playing around or touching the candle or lamp flame can also start a fire and is dangerous.

What other materials in your home are dangerous for fires?
Help the participants think of other things that might be a fire risk in their homes.
FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FOR CANDLE AND LAMP USE

What are ways we can prevent fire in our homes when we use candles or lamps?

What is the number for contacting the fire brigade in your community?
What are ways we can prevent fire in our homes when we use candles or lamps?

• Blow out candles or lamps when you leave the room or go to bed.
• Keep candles and lamps at least 12 inches (30 centimeters) away from anything that can burn, such as clothing, curtains, hair, fuel, paper.
• Ensure children know the dangers of playing with candles, lamps or any kind of fire.

What is the number for contacting the fire brigade in your community?
Provide the phone number for the fire brigade and other emergency services.
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US ABOUT THE CHOICES WE MAKE?

Read and discuss
Luke 11:33
Proverbs 22:3
2 Timothy 3:16
The Bible talks about the use of lights in our lives. Both the gospels of Matthew and Luke remind us to shine our lights before others.

Luke 11:33: “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light.” (NIV)

Read and discuss Proverbs 22:3.
The Bible encourages us to be wise in everything we do. Only a fool would see danger and continue to go down that path.

Proverbs 22:3: “The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.” (ESV)

Read and discuss 2 Timothy 3:16.
We learn about fire prevention and how it can save our lives and help us not to start a fire in our homes. Similarly, the Bible can be used to help prevent us from being displeasing to God. In order to learn how to please God one must read and study His word, the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” (ESV)
Think back to the story at the beginning of this lesson. What could have prevented the fire in the story?

What have you learned that you can teach others about preventing fires?
SUMMARY

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What have you learned that you can teach others in preventing fires?

• Children are not the only ones who love to watch fires. Adults will catch themselves staring at fire from time to time.
• Since the dawn of time men have used fire to cook with, light their houses and warm their living areas.
• Candles and lamps can be dangerous if you don’t pay attention. The same flames that help us can also become a nightmare.
• Unattended candles and lamps have been known to start fires that can easily burn not only your living space, but many others’ as well. However, if we are diligent around candles and lamps we can take steps to prevent fires from occurring in our community.
• Families would do well to talk to each other about the dangers of open fires and thank God for the blessing that they provide.
**Purpose:**
To prevent fires caused by cooking.

**Objectives:**
Participants will understand and be able to prevent and extinguish cooking fires.

**Overview For Trainers:**
This lesson has been proven to save lives. Cooking fires have been known to start larger fires, especially in the heavily populated areas contained within unstructured settlements.

For each question that you ask regarding prevention, allow the participants to come up with their own answers before providing the details. If you are teaching in a larger setting, you could use newsprint to write the questions, verses and their answers.

Please remember to give the community the correct phone number or numbers to call for emergencies in your local area (fire and medical emergencies).

**Time:** 30 to 60 minutes

**Attitude:**
Facilitator understands that creating a safe home environment for cooking could save lives and property.

**Skill:**
Participants will be able to identify safe cooking methods and how to prevent fires.

**Evaluation:**
Participants should be able to identify safe cooking methods and how to prevent fires. Participants should memorize John 3:16 to help them better understand how to prevent an eternal fire.

**Materials:**
Newsprint, markers, Bibles, emergency numbers
Anne was cooking in her home and the food caught fire. She got scared and threw the pot and cooking stove out of the door of her house. The debris outside her home caught fire and her home and several others were soon lost to fire.

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Why do fires start from cooking?

What can we do to prevent fires from cooking?
FIRE PREVENTION WHILE COOKING

Why do fires start from cooking?
• Stove or fire is left unattended.
• Items are left too close to the cooking area.

What can we do to prevent fires from cooking?
• Stay close to what you are cooking and monitor it closely. If you need to leave, turn off the flame.
• Stay awake and alert when you are cooking. Alcohol and some drugs can make you sleepy.
• Wear short sleeves or roll them up so they don’t catch on fire.
• Keep your hair and clothes away from the flame.
• Keep children and animals away from cooking area. (Three feet is recommended.)
• Clean and clear the space around the cooking area before you turn on the heat. Move things that can burn, including dish towels, bags, boxes, paper and curtains.
• Turn pot handles away from you so that no one can bump them or pull them over.
• Keep a pan lid or a metal sheet nearby. Use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire. This will put out the fire.
What are hazards in your home that may cause a cooking fire?

How could you extinguish a small cooking fire?
What are hazards in your home that may cause a cooking fire?
- Fuel
- Grease
- Combustibles: clothing, curtains, hair, fuel, paper and anything else that will catch fire

How could you extinguish a small cooking fire?
- Never put water on a grease fire; put a lid on it.
- Keep the pan where it is. Do not move it!
- Slide pan lid or a metal sheet on top of the pan. This takes away the air. The fire goes out.
- Turn off the heat.
- Keep the lid on the pan until it is cool.
- Never try to stop a grease or oil fire with water. Water will make the fire bigger.
- Never use flour to extinguish a fire as it may explode or make the fire worse.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
- For a microwave fire, unplug the unit and keep the door closed.
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Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 5:17.
What do you need to do if the fire gets out of control?

- Sound the alarm: FIRE FIRE FIRE!
- Call the Fire Brigade
  Provide the number for the fire brigade and other emergency services to participants.
- Get to safety

(See the Preventing and Responding to Fires in our Homes training for more details.)

Extinguishing sin in your life

Do you want to extinguish the flames of sin in your life?

Jesus is the only one who is able to forgive your sins and turn you into a new person.

Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 5:17.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
How could you prevent getting burned from cooking?

What should you do if you burn your skin?

What should you do if your clothes catch fire?

What is the number for contacting the fire brigade in your community?
How could you prevent getting burned from cooking?
• Use hot pads to take food out of the oven, cooking stove, fire pit and microwave.
• Keep your face away from hot steam.
• Keep hot food and drinks away from the edges of tables and counters.

What should you do if you burn your skin?
• Cool the burn.
• Put the burn in cool water immediately.
• Keep it there for three to five minutes. This helps stop the burning.
• Cover it with a clean, dry cloth. If the burn is bigger than your palm, get medical help.

What should you do if your clothes catch fire?
• Stop where you are immediately.
• Drop to the ground, and cover your face with your hands.
• Roll over and over, or roll back and forth. Keep doing this until the fire is out.
• Put the burn in cool water for three to five minutes and get medical help.

What is the number for contacting the fire brigade in your community?

Provide the number for the fire brigade and other emergency services.
What have you learned that you can tell others about preventing and extinguishing cooking fires?
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Cooking good food for our families is a very good thing. Fires from cooking can be reduced if we take action to identify and reduce the hazards around us.
Lesson Four:
PREVENTING BURNS FROM FIRE
Stop, Drop and Roll
Purpose:
To prevent the loss of life or the possibility of severe burns when a person catches on fire.

Objectives:
Participants will understand and demonstrate the lifesaving technique of stop, drop and roll.

Overview For Trainers:
This lesson has been proven to save lives. You are playing a major role in preventing fire and saving lives when you teach this lesson. In a similar manner, the Bible encourages us to prevent the possibility of eternal punishment by trusting in Jesus Christ to forgive us of our sins.

For each question that you ask regarding prevention, allow the participants to come up with their own answers before providing the details. If you are teaching in a larger setting, you could use newsprint to write the questions, verses and their answers.

Please remember to give the community the correct phone number or numbers to call for emergencies in your local area (fire and medical emergencies).

Time: 30 to 60 minutes

Attitude:
Facilitator understands that properly showing people how to extinguish fire when it involves you and your clothes could save a life.

Skill:
Participants will be able to demonstrate the technique of stop, drop and roll.

Evaluation:
Participants should be able to demonstrate the technique of stop, drop and roll. Participants should memorize 1 John 1:9 to help them better understand how to prevent an eternal fire.

Materials:
Newsprint, markers, Bibles, emergency numbers
The little girl, Lucy, wanted to be like her mother when she grew up. She often thought about what it would be like to cook. Her mother let her older sister cook for the family when she had to go to work and Lucy wanted to help, too. She never anticipated her clothes catching on fire that day. When she leaned over the stove, her clothes caught on fire and started to burn. She immediately became scared and started to run.
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W – Why does this happen?

D – What will you do about it?
Do you think there is a better way to stop the fire?

Do you think that this could work to prevent the fire from growing if your clothes catch fire?
TEACH STOP, DROP AND ROLL

STOP
When your clothes catch on fire you must immediately identify the problem and stop. Do not run away. It will only make the fire bigger and hurt you more.

DROP
After you stop you must prepare yourself by dropping to the ground.

ROLL
Next take action by covering your face and rolling back and forth until the fire is out.

This action should be done very quickly if your clothes catch fire.

Do you think that this could work to prevent the fire from growing if your clothes catch fire?

Discuss what would make it easy or difficult. Talk about how this technique can reduce burns and injuries from fire.

IF YOUR CLOTHES CATCH FIRE WHAT DO YOU DO?

Participants may discuss running (making the flames bigger), screaming or even dropping to the ground.

Does what you do make the fire bigger or smaller?
Running = bigger fire
Screaming = doesn’t stop the fire
Dropping to the ground = might help

Do you think there is a better way to stop the fire?
LET’S PRACTICE STOP, DROP AND ROLL.

Role Play:
Pretend that you catch on fire and practice STOP, DROP and ROLL to put out the fire.

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READ AND DISCUSS

Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23
A = Admit

Acts 16:31
B = Believe

John 1:9 and Romans 10:9
C = Confess
Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23
The Bible talks about the sin in our life and how it consumes us like fire. Romans 3:23 tells us: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” The Bible also goes on to say in Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

If you want to stop sinning you must first admit that you’re a sinner and repent.
A = Admit

Acts 16:31
It is not a simple knowledge of God the Father or Jesus Christ His son that will allow us into heaven. We prepare ourselves by believing that Jesus is in fact the Son of God. Acts 16:31 says, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.”
B = Believe

John 1:9 and Romans 10:9
We take action by confessing our sins to the only One who is able to forgive them: God. 1 John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Romans 10:9 also tells us, “Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”
C = Confess
WHAT IS THE NUMBER FOR CONTACTING THE FIRE BRIGADE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
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Provide the number for the fire brigade and other emergency services.
What have you learned?
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- If you use stop, drop and roll you will prevent burn injuries and decrease the spread of fire.
- By admitting we are sinners, believing in Jesus Christ and confessing our sins, we can have eternal life, free from fire.
Lesson Five:
PREVENTING ELECTRICAL FIRES
Purpose:
To prevent fires caused by faulty electrical wiring.

Objectives:
Participants will understand and be able to identify faulty electrical wiring.

Overview For Trainers:
This lesson has been proven to save lives. Faulty electrical wiring has been known to start fires, especially in the heavily populated areas contained within unstructured settlements.

For each question that you ask regarding prevention, allow the participants to come up with their own answers before providing the details. If you are teaching in a larger setting, you could use newsprint to write the questions, verses and their answers.

Please remember to give the community the correct phone number or numbers to call for emergencies in your local area (fire and medical emergencies).

Time: 30 to 60 minutes

Attitude:
Facilitator understands that properly identifying electrical hazards could save lives and property.

Skill:
Participants will be able to identify electrical hazards and learn how to prevent fires.

Evaluation:
Participants should be able to identify electrical hazards and ways to correct hazards from electricity. Participants should memorize John 3:16 to help them better understand how to prevent an eternal fire.

Materials:
Newsprint, markers, Bibles, emergency numbers
Three community members are talking:

Person 1: I want to have electric supply in my home.

Person 2: You can go to the power supply company to have electricity connected in your home.

Person 3: I have another way you can get electricity. Why don’t you tap it directly from the line?

Person 2: It can be cheaper, but more expensive because it is not safe.
ROLE PLAY
Ask the following questions to get the conversation about electrical fires started.

Three community members are talking:

Person 1: I want to have electric supply in my home.

Person 2: You can go to the power supply company to have electricity connected in your home.

Person 3: I have another way you can get electricity. Why don’t you tap it directly from the line?

Person 2: It can be cheaper, but more expensive because it is not safe.

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W – Why does this happen?

D – What will you do about it?
POWER OF ELECTRICITY

How do we get electricity into our homes?

How do we use electricity?

What are some dangers of electricity?
How do we get electricity into our homes?
Electricity can be brought into the home from the power lines legally or illegally. When it is legal the purchaser directly pays the power company.

How do we use electricity?
Electricity is a very powerful tool that is used every day. We use it to light our homes and use it for some types of cooking. Some buildings also use electricity for heating and cooling.

What are some dangers of electricity?
We take action by confessing our sins to the only One who is able to forgive them: God. (1 John 1:9) When electricity is used improperly it can cause death from electrocution or start a fire that can grow out of control quickly.
POWER OF GOD

Read and discuss
1 Chronicles 29:11
Hebrews 4:12
1 Chronicles 29:11 tells us; “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.”

Not only is God powerful, but so is the Bible.

Hebrews 4:12: “For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.”
IDENTIFYING HAZARDS/RISKS
What are some hazards you have seen with the use of electricity?
Look around; can you identify any electrical hazards here?

REDUCING HAZARDS/RISKS
How can some of these hazards be reduced?

- Exposed wiring
- Too many appliances into one electrical cord
- Electricity tapped from a neighbor or a power line
- Extension cords under rugs or across doorways
IDENTIFYING HAZARDS/RISKS
What are some hazards you have seen with the use of electricity?

Look around your area to see if there are any hazards:
• Exposed wiring
• Too many appliances into one electrical cord
• Extension cords under rugs or across doorways
• Electricity tapped from a neighbor or a power line

Reducing Hazards/Risks
How can some of these hazards be reduced?

Talk about how the hazards can be reduced:
• Use electrical tape to cover exposed wires.
• Avoid using too many appliances at once, which will overheat the wire.
• Unplug items when you are not using them.
• Avoid running extension cords under carpets or across doorways. Extension cords should go along the wall in the corner in order to avoid people walking on them and damaging the cord over an extended period of time.
• Purchase electricity directly from the power company and allow the power company to connect and maintain the electricity in your home.
• Warn children of the dangers of playing with electricity.
HAZARDS IN OUR LIFE SPIRITUALLY

Have you ever identified or recognized the sin that is in your life?

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Read and discuss

1 John 1:8-10: “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”
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EXTINGUISHING ELECTRICAL FIRES

How can you safely extinguish electrical fires?
• Turn off the source of electricity as quickly as possible.
• If you can safely extinguish the fire when it is small, do so.
• Never use water on an electrical fire. Use a powder or (ABC) fire extinguisher, which will not shock you.
• You can use sand or dirt to smother a fire, but remember if the power is still on the situation is still dangerous.
• If there is no fire extinguisher available, turn off the electricity first and then use water.

How can you get help to extinguish the fire?
• Sound the alarm: FIRE FIRE FIRE!
• Call the Fire Brigade.
• Provide the number for the fire brigade and other emergency services to participants.
• Get to safety.

(See the Preventing and Responding to Fires in our Homes training for more details.)
Do you want to extinguish the flames of sin in your life?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.
Do you want to extinguish the flames of sin in your life? Jesus is the only one who is able to forgive you of your sins and turn you into a new person.

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2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
What have you learned that you can tell others about preventing and extinguishing electrical fires?
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Electricity is a powerful tool that can improve our lives, however it can also be very dangerous, starting fires and causing electrocution.

Problems from electricity can be reduced if we take action to identify and reduce the hazards around us.
Additional Resources retrieved May 25, 2016

Talking with families after a fire or emergency:
http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/emergencies

Information on how to use a fire extinguisher – British Type:
http://www.safefiredirect.co.uk/Page/54/videos-how-to-use-a-fire-extinguisher-safely.aspx
http://www.mfs-fire-extinguishers.co.uk/types.htm

Information on how to use a fire extinguisher (includes a video) – United States Type:
http://www.fire-extinguisher101.com/using.html

Teaching Fire extinguisher use:
https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/extinguishers.html
Thank you for using Africa Fire Mission’s Fire Prevention Curriculum. Africa Fire Mission created this curriculum to be used by fire departments, missionaries and NGOs – especially in Africa. Fire is one of the most important elements in the world and throughout history. Harnessed correctly it provides heat, light, security and food. When not handled properly it threatens our homes, our possessions and our lives. This curriculum is designed to help educate children, individuals and families reduce the risk of fire and respond safely and appropriately to fires. Our prayer is, that through the use of this material, fires will be reduced in communities and people will learn more about Jesus, who is our ultimate rescuer in times of trouble.

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