Safe use of Candles and Lamps

**Purpose:**
To prevent fires from occurring due to improper use of candles, lamps and other heating and light sources.

**Objectives:**
Participants will understand how to safely use candles, lamps 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 and property 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.

Please be reminded to give the community the correct number or numbers to call for emergencies in your local area (Fire and Medical emergencies).

**Time:**
30 minutes - 1 hour

**Story:**
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.

**SHOWD Questions**
S – What do you see?
H – What is happening?
O – Does this happen in our place?
W – Why does this happen?
D – What will you do about it?

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<td><strong>Dangers of Candles and Lamps</strong>&lt;br&gt;What are the dangers of using candles &amp; lamps?</td>
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<td>- A lot of fires that are caused by candles and lamps occur in the living space.&lt;br&gt;- Falling asleep accounts for many of the fires started by candles or lamps.&lt;br&gt;- 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 around that will catch fire.&lt;br&gt;- Playing around or touching the candle or lamp’s flame can also start a fire and is dangerous.</td>
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<td><strong>What other materials in your home are dangerous for fires?</strong></td>
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<td>Help the participants think of other things that might be a fire risk in their homes.</td>
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<td><strong>Fire Prevention Tips for Candle and Lamp Use</strong>&lt;br&gt;What are ways we can prevent fire in our homes when we use candles or lamps?</td>
<td>5-10 minutes</td>
<td>- Blow out candles or lamps when you leave the room or go to bed.&lt;br&gt;- Keep Candles or lamps at least 12 inches (30 centimeters) away from anything that can burn such as clothing, curtains, hair, fuel, paper.&lt;br&gt;- Ensure children know the dangers of playing with candles, lamps or any kind of fire.</td>
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<td><strong>What is the number for contacting the fire brigade in your community?</strong></td>
<td>5-10 minutes</td>
<td>Provide the number for the fire brigade and other emergency services.</td>
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| **Spiritual Message:**<br>Read and Discuss Luke 11:33 | 5 minutes | The Bible talks about the use of lights in our lives. Both the Gospel 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) |
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| Read and Discuss Proverbs 22:3 | 5 minutes | 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 II Timothy 3:16 | 5 minutes | We learn about fire prevention and how it can save our life and help us not to start a fire in our homes. Similarly, the Bible can be used to help prevent us from displeasing to God. In order to learn how to please God one must read and study His word the Bible.  
II Timothy 3:16 – “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” (ESV) |
| Summary:  
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 in preventing fires? | 5-10 minutes | Summary:  
Children are not the only ones who love to watch fire. Adults will catch themselves staring at fire from time to time.  
Since the dawn of time man has been using 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 other’s 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. |
**Attitude:** Facilitator understands the role of candles, lamps 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

**Additional Resources Retrieved May 25, 2016:**
Talking with families after a fire or emergency: [http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/emergencies](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.safefiredirect.co.uk/Page/54/videos-how-to-use-a-fire-extinguisher-safely.aspx)
[http://www.mfs-fire-extinguishers.co.uk/types.htm](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](http://www.fire-extinguisher101.com/using.html)
To operate an extinguisher:

- **P**ull the pin
- **A**im nozzle at base of fire
- **S**queeze the handle
- **S**weep nozzle side to side

Know your extinguisher
Use the correct extinguisher

(Check your own extinguisher's label for detailed instructions.)