

Exploring Your Community

Jordan Makes a Plan





A firefighter visited Jordan's classroom to talk about fire safety.

"Today we are going to learn ways to stay safe in case of a fire," the firefighter said.

Jordan thought about what would happen if her house caught on fire. She felt scared.



The firefighter had told the class everything they needed to know about fire safety, but Jordan was still worried. She didn't play during recess. She stayed quiet on her bus ride home.



Jordan wanted to tell Grandpa how she felt, but he was busy making dinner.

“What’s wrong?” Grandpa asked while they ate. “You haven’t touched your dinner.”

“I’m not hungry,” replied Jordan.



That night, while she played with her dolls, Jordan worried. “What if our house catches on fire?” she thought.



Jordan couldn't sleep. She woke up feeling tired and upset. She wished she could stop worrying but no matter how hard she tried, she couldn't.



At breakfast, Jordan stared at her cereal.

“You didn’t eat dinner. Now you aren’t eating breakfast,” Grandpa said. “Tell me what’s upsetting you.”

Jordan told him everything.



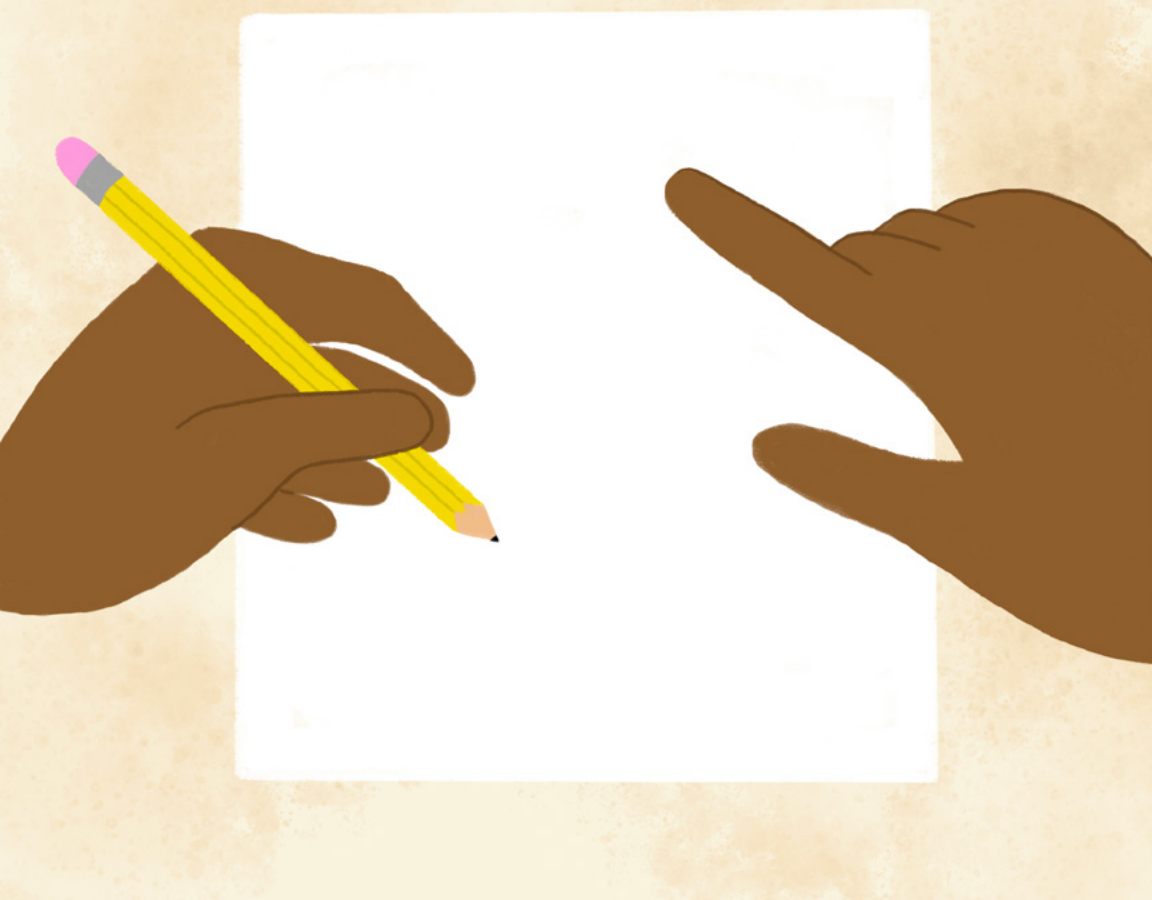
Grandpa listened and gave Jordan a big hug.

“I think I know how to help,” he said.

Grandpa got out a notebook and pencil.



“We’re going to make an escape plan,” Grandpa said.
“Then, we’ll know how to stay safe.”



Jordan thought about the program at school.

“Make an escape plan so you can get out safely,” the firefighter had said.

Jordan got right to work with Grandpa.



Jordan and Grandpa drew a picture of their house. They drew arrows pointing to all the exits. They even drew their family outside smiling.




That night, Jordan looked at their plan again.

“Now I have an escape plan,” she thought. “Just like the firefighter said!”

Jordan felt better, and she drifted off to sleep.

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