

Firemen 1 Servants

Here is a saying:

Fire is a good servant but a bad master.

Think about this saying.

A servant is someone who does something good for us. A servant helps us.

When can a fire help us?

A master is someone who is in control. A master can be good or bad. A good master will help the servant do the right thing. But a bad master can treat someone badly.

How can a fire treat us badly?

Firemen are good servants. They help us when a fire is out of control. Firemen are very brave. They put their own life at risk to help others.

Jesus was the greatest servant. He gave his own life to save us.

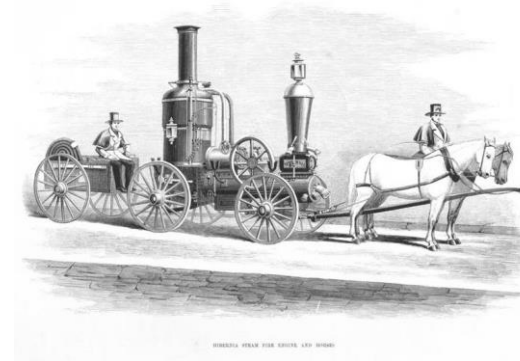
John 15:13 says, "No one has shown greater love than this – that he lay down his life for his friends."

1. *What is a servant?*
2. *How can fire be a good servant?*
3. *How do firemen help us?*

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Early fire engines

Early fire engines were carts drawn by horses. They carried huge water barrels. Firemen squirted water with huge hoses. The faster they pumped the steadier the water flowed.



Fire engines today

Next, steam engines were invented and firemen didn't have to pump any more.

*Today's engines are very fast and powerful.
Draw a picture of one.*



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What does a fire engine carry?

Fire engines today carry many things to help the firemen in their work.

Here are some of the things a fire engine would carry. Next to each, write what it could be used for.

Ladder

Rope

First Aid

Bolt cutters

Axe

Oxygen and mask



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Always ready for action

When you phone the emergency number, you are connected to a person who takes down details about the fire.

What would you need to tell them about the fire?

Instructions are then sent to the nearest fire station. Within minutes the first engine is on its way.

Firemen have to be ever ready, must finish the job and make sure their equipment is always working.

Firemen need to be alert. What does this mean?

Firemen are very faithful servants to our community.

Firemen must obey their instructions. They have to know exactly what to do in a fire. They can save many people by being obedient servants.

How can you be a servant?

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How a fireman puts out a fire:

- Cover it with earth or sand to stop the air from getting to it.
- If a person's clothing catches fire, roll them in a blanket.
- Small fire can be put out by fire extinguishers. Some are filled with water and some are filled with foam.

Sometimes firemen walk through fire with special suits made of asbestos. The suit does not get hot inside or burn on the outside. They spray the fire with water. For petrol or oil fires, they have to use foam. The fire goes out because the foam gives the fire no air to keep burning.

What does a fireman do when there is a fire?

The alarm bell goes. The fire bell rings to warn the traffic to make way for the fire engine. The firemen put on helmets to protect their head. If they have to reach anyone who is trapped they use an axe to break the door down. If there is thick smoke the fireman wears a mask.

In the city they connect the hoses to the fire hydrant in the street. The fire hydrant is connected to water pipes.

The ladders go up if the firemen have to reach a person who is trapped in a tall building.

1. Name two things that are good for putting out fire.
2. Draw what you would do if a person is caught by a fire.
3. What are fire extinguishers filled with?
4. What do firemen use to put out oil or petrol fires?

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Some facts about fire

1. With your teacher, conduct an experiment to see what fire needs to burn. Light a candle and put a jar over it. What happens to the candle?
2. What does a fire need to keep going?
3. Find out what will burn. This is a science experiment to do with your teacher.

Material	Prediction Yes/No	Burnt well	Burnt a little	Slow	Not at all
Card					
Cotton					
Wool					
Steel					
Foil					

4. Which material should you never wear near a fire?
5. Which material would be safer to wear near a fire?