

The Fire

A Story for
California Kids



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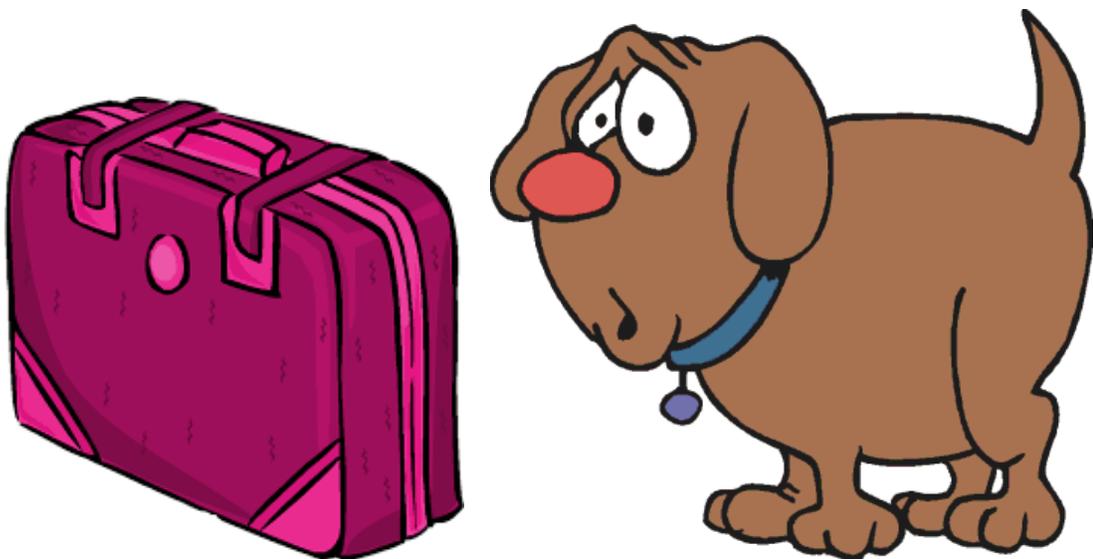
On the morning of
October 9, 2017,
there was a big fire
in Santa Rosa. It
moved fast because
it was very windy.



When I heard about
the fire, I...



Families near the fire had to leave home, or evacuate. They took their animals and whatever they could pack in a hurry.



When I left
home, I took...



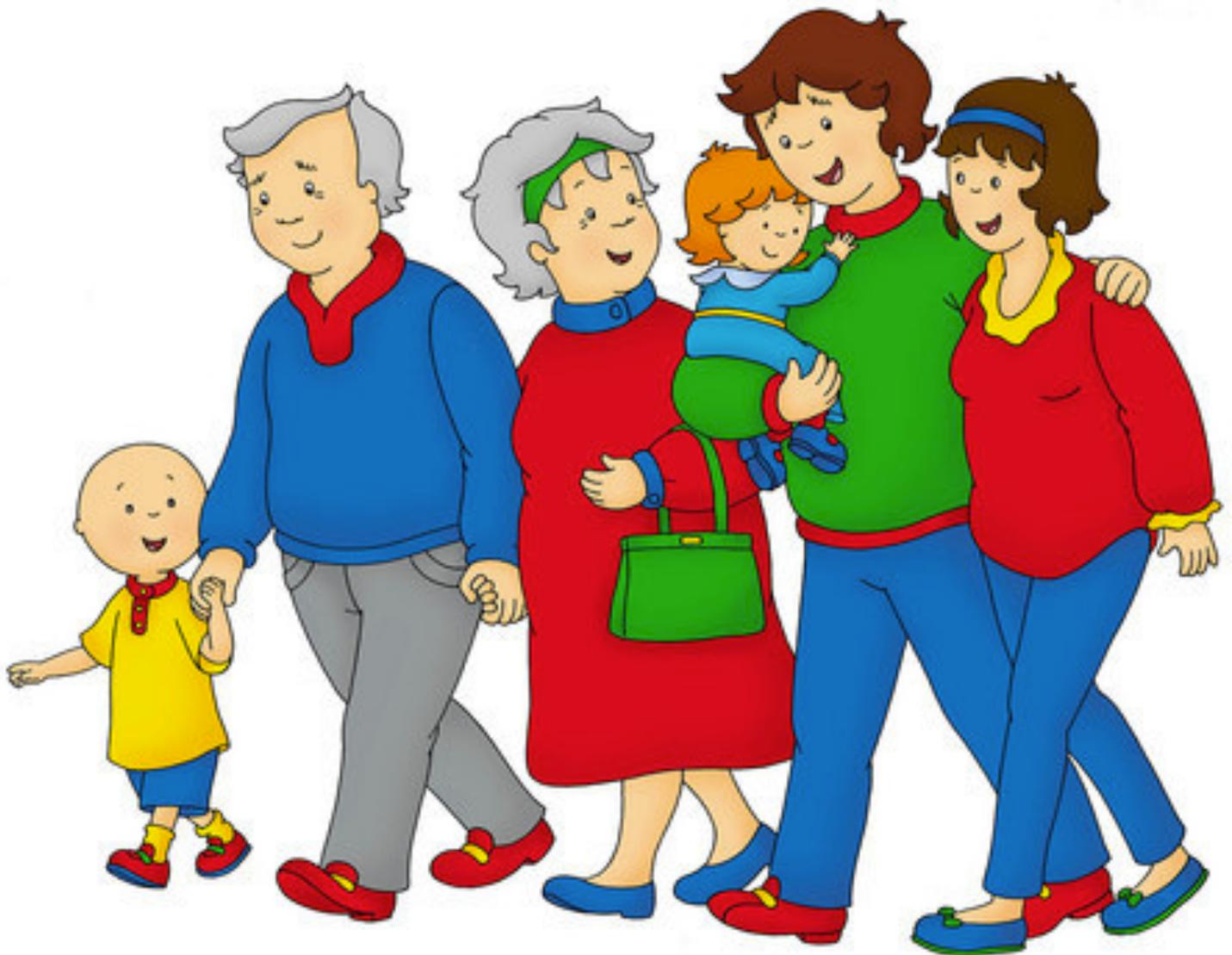
Families drove to a
safe place where
they would be
protected from the
fire.



My family
drove to...



Many families stayed
with friends or
relatives.



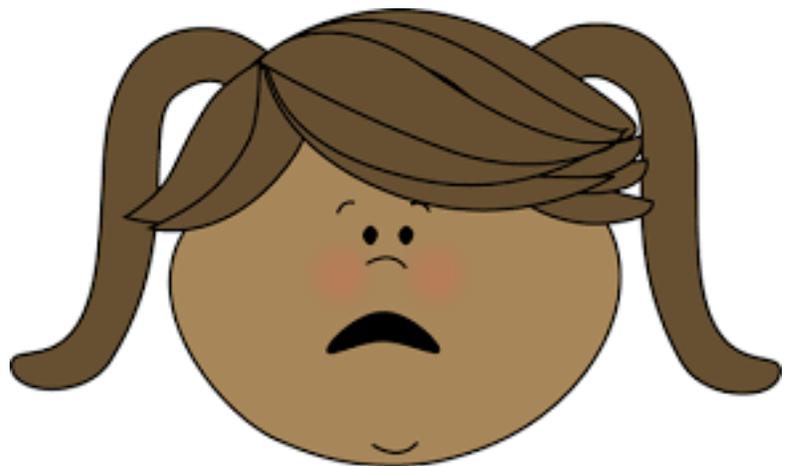
My family
stayed with...



Some families'
houses burned down.
They lost a lot of
things. They were
very sad.



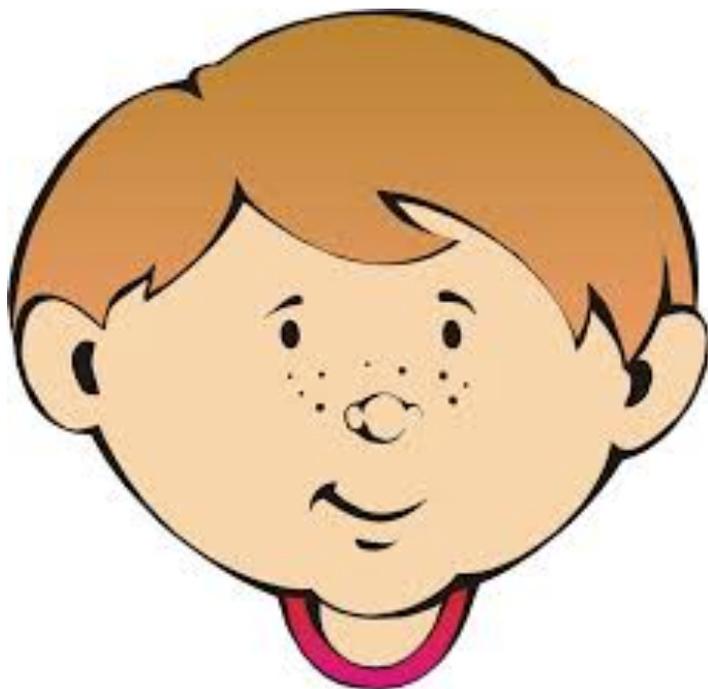
Losing a
house feels...



Firefighters worked
hard to put out the
fire. It took many
days.



I saw some
firefighters
when I was...



Our school was closed for three whole weeks. The school had to be cleaned up before we could come back.



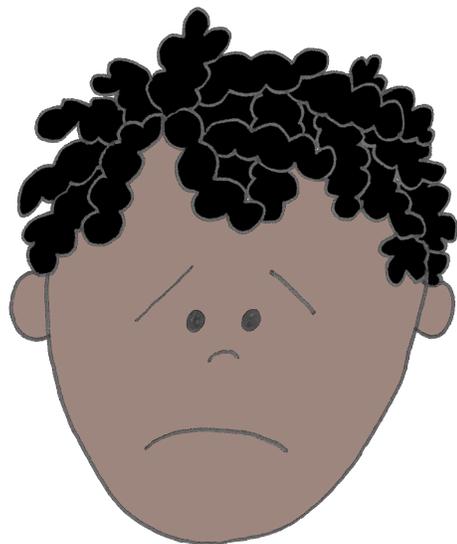
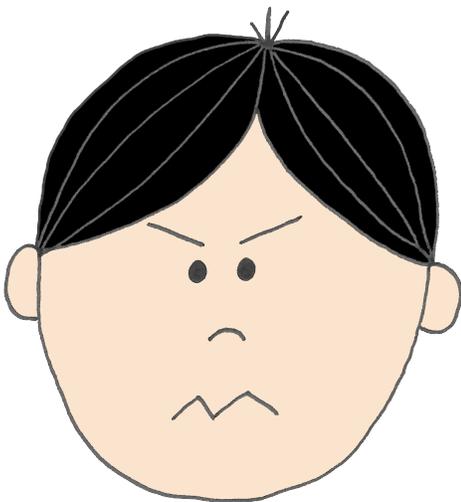
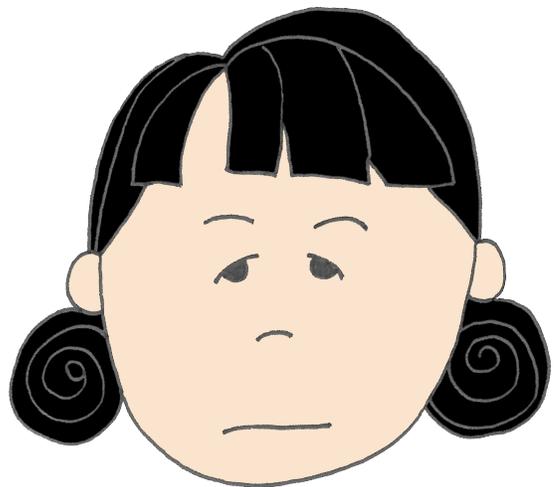
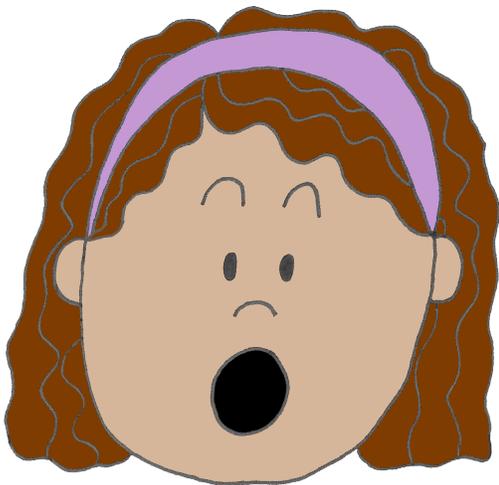
When I heard
that school was
closed, I felt...



For a long time, kids
couldn't go back to
school. They missed
their friends and
their teachers. Their
teachers missed
them, too.



When I couldn't go to school, I felt...

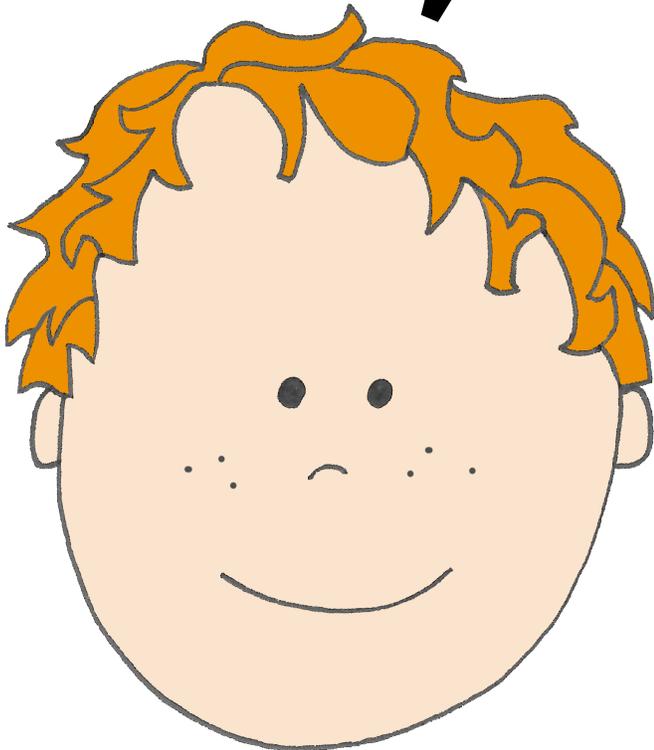


When the fire was gone, many families moved back home.

Families whose houses were burned found new places to live.



When I came home
or moved into a new
house, the first
thing I did was...



Finally, our school reopened. Kids and teachers were so happy to see each other!



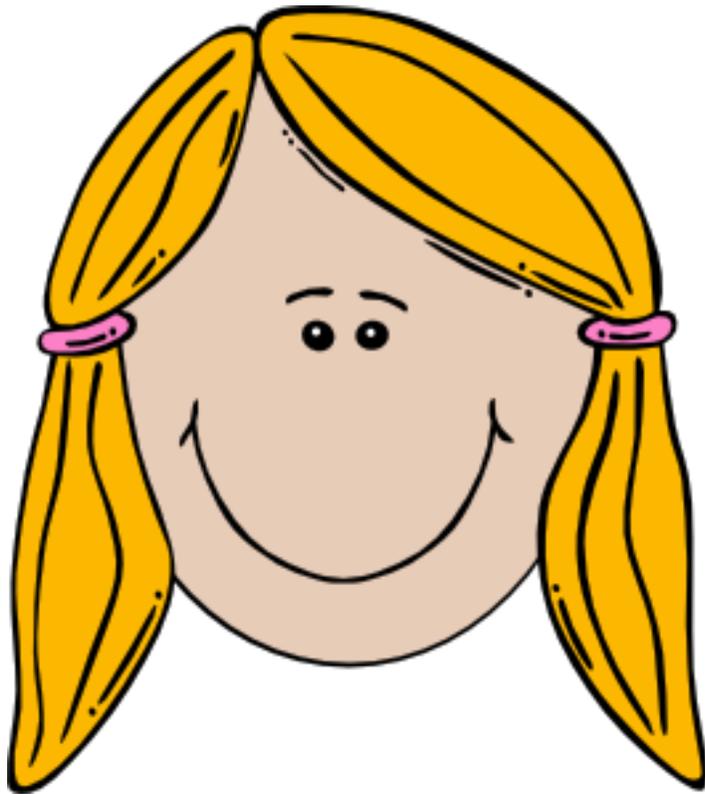
The first person I
hugged when I got
to school was...



Kids and grown-ups
will always remember
this fire. It's safe to
share your feelings
with your teacher and
your parents.



I feel safe
sharing my
feelings with...



The End



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