



# THE 9/11 LESSON

Celebrating Real-Life Superheroes



LESSON TYPE(S)	GRADE(S)	DESCRIPTION
Language Arts, Social Studies	2nd	Consider 9/11 and natural disasters. Make your own safety plan for a disaster.
MATERIALS	PREP	GGC HEART BADGES
Lined paper, Pencils	N/A	Rescue

## MY SAFETY PLAN: A 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE LESSON

### INTRODUCE

**EXPLAIN:** Often, we cannot control a disaster from happening. For example, a major disaster happened on 9/11 when the terrorists flew planes into buildings, but there was very little people could have done to prevent it from happening. But, we can have plans in place so that we are ready when disaster strikes.

**ASK:** Can you identify any ways that you, your family, our school, or your community has prepared for a disaster?

**EXPLAIN:** In fact, all public buildings have safety plans, and all buildings should have one.

**ASK:** What is our plan...

- If there is a tornado/hurricane?
- If there is a fire?
- If there is an earthquake?
- If there is a disease outbreak/pandemic?
- If there is a [fill in a local community disaster example]?
- *Encourage students to be specific*

**DISCUSS:**

- Should our plans for these different disasters be the same or different?
- Why is it important to know your disaster plan?

**EXPLAIN:** During 9/11, the individuals who were familiar with the exits and disaster plans of their buildings were more likely to make it to safety, if they were below where the planes hit on the building.



## EXPLORE

**EXPLAIN:** Today, we're going to be creating new safety plans for our houses.

**INSTRUCT:**

1. Consider what disaster you want to plan for.
2. Brainstorm what anyone would need to do to get or stay safe during that disaster.
3. Apply those ideas to creating a plan for your own house.
4. Develop a plan to educate other people in your house about your plan.
5. Discuss your plan with another student, so you can both help each other make your plans better.

## CONNECT

**DISCUSS:** Why is it easier to help other people if you are prepared to help yourself?

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