

## House Fire

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Read Aidan's journal and write your own faith story in the same format.

### For

Just for Kids - Faith Story

### Season

Spring

### Prepare in Advance

Print journal page

### Activity Plan

1. Read the Journal called "House Fire"
2. Journaling can be a spiritual practice. Thinking about how things happened and who helped and where God is your life.
3. Think about an event in your life. It could be like Aidan's house fire, or it could be a sports competition, or even a new friendship. Use the journaling page to write about the event. Write a prayer at the end that connects your experience with others.
4. Write one short journal entry each day for a week. See if you can see God in your writing.



## Aidan's Journal "House Fire"

Hello, my name is Aidan. I'm nine years old.

### Before the Fire

I broke my foot doing handstands against the wall when I was supposed to be asleep. I went to gymnastics and jumped on the tramp and then I complained and we went to the Doctor, my foot was broken.



### Night of the fire

I was asleep with my cast, of course, and it was really annoying. My Mom picked me up and took me out and a policeman took me to the other side of the street to our neighbors. It was kinda late in the night and so we watched TV and played with toys. I didn't see the fire. A little later I looked out the neighbors window and I saw smoke, a lot of it. The fireman came out with Rocky, our lizard.

### Later that night

We slept in a hotel. Kylee was sleeping in the pack-and-play. I was on the bed because I broke my foot.

### The next day

We went to Haley and Hannah's farm. We knew Haley and Hannah from the Farmer's Market. They let us stay there for about a month. On the way, I saw our house. It didn't look as burned from outside. I think I saw Gavin, our cat.

### The next few weeks

The people at our church fed us dinner for a whole month. Gavin was at the vet for awhile, then he came to the farm and almost caught a woodpecker.

We played on a tree at the farm. The person next door let us come and see the chickens and get some eggs. We pet sheep and helped to make fences. They had a sick cow and she died.

### What Changed

Mommy and Daddy went to our house a lot and took out old stuff that could be used again. They had to rebuild the house. We moved to Utah because Daddy got a new job at school. He still goes there.

### Where was faith in the fire?

Faith was in our heart. It was everywhere helping us even in our toughest moments. I saw faith in Jamie who helped and didn't have too. And Haley and Hannah gave us the farm. The policeman and the fireman helped us with the fire. The gecko even made the front page of the newspaper.

### Prayer for all kids in fires

God, please help children who need everything after a fire. And help friends, family, and anybody who helps them after the fire. They might think they did something wrong but they didn't. They are worthy. Please, God, Amen.



## My Life Event Journal

What happened the day before?

What happened the day of the event?

What happened later in the day?

What happened the next day?

What happened the next few weeks?

What changed?

Where was faith?

Prayer for others

