

Mary Blakely - Response to an Emergency

Before Watching the Video

Ask your children if they have ever been to a campfire? What kinds of safety concerns are there when around a fire? What are the risks?

Explain to the children that they are going to listen to Mary Blakely (from Animbigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, originally from the area known as Ombabika or Auden) tell a story about an accident that happened to her when she was a young child and about the people who saved her life.

After Watching the Video

Discuss Mary's story. What happened to Mary? Who took care of her? Ask students to think of a time when they have had an accident? What happened? Who took care of them?

Activity 1: After watching the video, have children complete the following activity sheet. For younger children, talk about the questions with them. It would probably be helpful to play the video a second time. There is also a transcript available.

Activity 2: Make a copy of the sentences on the last page. Cut them out and mix them up. Have children practice **sequencing** by putting the sentences in order. If you are doing this activity with multiple children, distribute the sentences between the children and have them work together to put them in order.

**Activity 1. Mary Blakely. Family response to an
Emergency**

Listen to Mary's story and answer the following questions.

1. What happened to Mary in the story?

2. Who helped Mary?

3. What did they do to help her?

4. How did they get Mary to a doctor?

5. What did the doctor say about the treatment she had been given by her family?

Sentences for Activity 2

Mary was playing and running around the fire.

A pot of boiling water spilled and poured over Mary.

Mary was badly burned.

Mary's great uncle made dough from flour and water.

He used the dough to cover Mary's burns.

Mary's mom and great uncle travelled by boat through a terrible storm to take Mary to the doctor.

The doctor treated Mary's burns.

The doctor told Mary's great uncle that covering her with dough had saved Mary's life.

After treatment in the hospital, Mary made a complete recovery.