

## Smokey's Story Play

Smokey's Story is a fun play to lead with kids. Remember, Smokey can't talk, but he can perform the actions (in **boldface**). Ham it up!

### Smokey's Story

One warm, sunny day, Smokey **woke up** from his long winter's nap.

He said hello to his old friend that he had not seen for a while. (**Hand wave.**)

He **saw an eagle** flying high in the sky.

He **smelled** the fresh spring air.

But wait! He **smelled** something strange in the air, too.

What was it? SMOKE!

Smokey knew it was time to get back to work. (**Marching.**)

It was his job to tell people about wildfire prevention; that means being careful with fire.

He could smell the smoke, but he didn't know where the fire was.

He **looked**, but he couldn't see the fire.

So he started **walking**.

He **walked** and walked and walked.

It was now afternoon, and it was getting hot and very windy.

He was also getting very thirsty, but he could not find his water bottle. (**Reach for pockets.**)

He could **smell** more smoke now, but he still **couldn't see** the fire.

He decided to **climb up** a big, steep hill, so he could get a better **view**.

He **looked** for the fire.

A HA! **There it was!** It was coming from behind some houses on the edge of the woods.

Smokey **hurried** as fast as he could to the fire. (Kids say: **Hurry, Smokey, Hurry!**)

At last, he got to the fire.

Someone had been burning a pile of leaves, and the strong wind had spread the fire into a grassy area near the garage.

Smokey stared **thinking**, how could he put out the fire? (**Ask the kids.**)

He **found a shovel**, and started to **throw some dirt** on the fire, trying to smother it.

He **worked hard**, but he needed something else to put out that fire.

What else puts out fire? **Water!**

There was a little pond close by.

Smokey **found a bucket of water** sitting next to the pond.

Smokey had to **get in just the right spot** so that he would not get burned.

Then he **threw the water** on the fire.

Just then some of the neighborhood kids came and helped Smokey put out the fire. (**Clap hands.**)

The kids saw how dangerous it is to burn on a windy day.

Fires can burn trees, sometimes houses, and sometimes-even people.

Smokey reminded all of the kids to always be careful with fire and to never play with matches.

Remember, Smokey said, "Only YOU can prevent forest fires!" (**Point.**)

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