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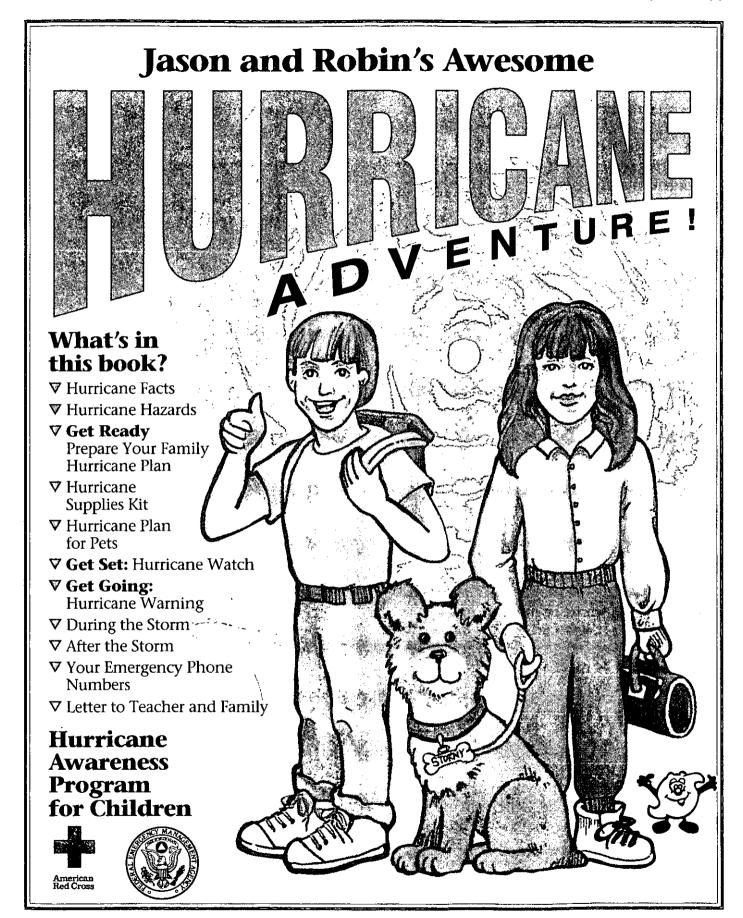
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Hurricame Facts

In the video, "Jason and Robin's Awesome Hurricane Adventure," they learned first-hand what it is like to be in a hurricane. You can use this workbook to find out more about hurricanes and how you and your family can be prepared.

What is a hurricane?

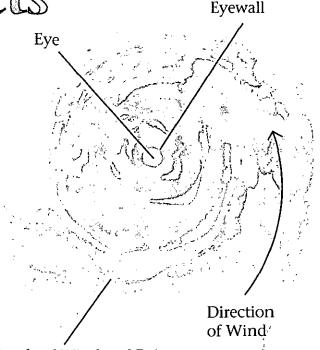
Hurricanes are the largest of all storms. They are like a big doughnut of winds with a calm center. High winds, clouds and rain move around the center. The calm center is called the *eye of the hurricane*. Next to the eye are the highest winds which make the *eye wall*. Strong winds moving in a counter-clockwise motion spin around the eye. The whole hurricane could be 300 miles across!

How do hurricanes start?

The Hurricane Season runs from June 1st to November 30th. The busiest part of the season is August, September and October. In the summer and late fall, the air over the warm ocean gets hot, picks up moisture and starts swirling - a tropical depression is born. If the winds begin to go faster, more than 39 mph, it becomes a tropical storm and it is given a name. If the winds swirl faster than 74 mph, it is called a hurricane.

Why do we have hurricanes?

Tropical storms and hurricanes are important because they actually balance the temperature on earth. Otherwise, parts of the earth would get too hot and other parts would get too cold. But if they move toward the shore, look out! You must be ready!



Bands of Wind and Rain

Hurricame Word Search

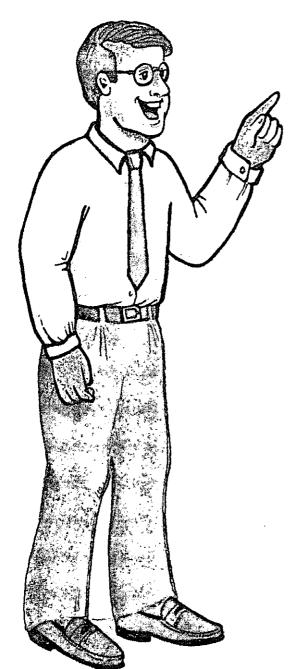
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EYE	TORNADO	FLOOD
EYE WALL	STORM SURGE	WATCH
WIND	WEATHER	WARNING

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Hurricane Tracking Chart Jason and Robin learned that forecasters Exercise: watch storms around the world from satellites and radar. You can track storms Here are the positions of a hurricane too, just like the weather forecaster! over 9 days. Locate the positions of the eye and note them on the chart. Tracking a Storm: Day Latitude/Longitude Day Latitude/Longitude Advisories are issued by the National 16.5 N./55.0 W. 24.5 N./78.0 W. Hurricane Center every 6 hours. Each 20.0 N./60.0 W. 6 6 25.5 N./80.0 W. advisory gives the center (eye) position of 23.5 N./63.0 W. 25.5 N./81.5 W. 25.5 N./66.0 W. 26.0 N./85.5 W the storm. The center positions of the 29.0 N./91.0 W. storms are given by latitude and longitude. 31.5 N./91.0 W See the example of how to plot a storm from a position given in latitude 41.5 degrees North and longitude 63.0 degrees West. Based on the track, can you name this 1992 hurricane? Which areas did this hurricane strike?

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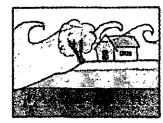
Jason's and Robin's teacher, Mr. Weathers, taught the class that there are four major hazards of a hurricane. Jason and Robin learned how dangerous hurricanes can be.





\1/ Storm Surge - Storm surge is a rise in the sea level caused by strong winds.

If you live in an area where storm surge is expected, you must evacuate.





Winds - Winds in a hurricane blow very fast; from 74 miles per hour to

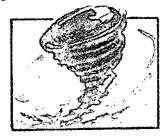
200 miles per hour! They may be very loud and can blow down trees and even houses.





Tornadoes - Sometimes there are tornadoes during hurricanes. If a tornado comes, go to a safer area

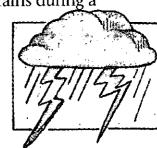
in your home. This could be a closet or bathroom in the center of the home on the lowest floor.





Flooding - The rains during a

hurricane can cause flooding even in areas away from the coast.



Get Ready!

Make Your Family Hurricane Plan

Jason and Robin learned how important it is to have a family plan in case there is a hurricane. Your family needs a plan too. Use these hints to prepare your Family Hurricane Plan.

- Find out if you live in an evacuation area. If you need help to find out, your family can call your county emergency management office. If you live in a mobile home, you must evacuate!
- Ask your family to decide now where you will go if told to evacuate. Your family can go to:

- * A friend's or family member's home in a safe zone.
- * Hotel or Motel in a safe zone.
- * Out of town.
- * Red Cross Shelter.
- Even if your family does not live in an evacuation zone or mobile home, remind them to secure your home before the storm.
- Help your family get your Hurricane Supplies Kit ready!
- Don't forget to make a plan for your family pet.

Ask your family to help you fill in the blanks to make your family plan.

The Family Hurricane Plan:

Yes, we live in an evacuation zone. We may have to evacuate.

No, we do not live in an evacuation zone. We will not have to evacuate.

Yes, we live in a mobile home. We will evacuate.

If there is a hurricane, we will go to

If there is a hurricane, we will be prepared to stay home.

I can help our family secure our home.

Our Hurricane Supplies Kit is ready.

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Your Hurricame Supplies Kit

'Jason and Robin's class learned what you would need if there is a hurricane. Using this list, you can help your family put together your Hurricane Supplies Kit.

Draw a line from the list to the picture.

Canned food

Bottled Water

Non-electric can opener

Pillows, blankets, or sleeping bags

Medicines

Flashlights and Batteries

Radio and Batteries

Extra clothes, shoes and eyeglasses

Plates and eating utensils

Folding chairs or cots

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Baby bottles, diapers, formula

Quiet games, toys, books, cards

Important papers and money

Pet Supplies Kit, if necessary



Hurricame Plan for Pets

Robin's dog Stormy is all ready for a hurricane. It is important that your pet has a hurricane plan too! If your family must evacuate, they will need to know where your pet can stay. For health and safety reasons, pets are not allowed in Red Cross Shelters.

Some places your pet can stay are:

- ▼ A friend's or family member's home in a safe zone.
- ▼ A hotel or motel with you.
- A kennel in a safe area.

Stay with you if your family does not have to evacuate *Your pet must have his shots before he can stay in a kennel so he won't get sick. Remind your family to keep your pet's shots up-to-date especially in hurricane season!

Don't forget, your pet needs a hurricane supplies kit too! Remember to put your pet's name on all his things.

If you have more questions about planning for pets, contact your local Humane Society or County Animal Control Department.

Pet Supplies Kit

- ∇ Pet Carrier or cage -
- ∇ Food

- ∇ Newspaper & plastic trash bags
- **▽** Favorite toy



Get Set - Huirricame Watch

Jason and Robin learned that when forecasters at the National Weather Service think the storm might reach land within 2 days, they issue a **Hurricane Watch**. A hurricane watch means it is time to get prepared.

This is the time for you to remind your family:

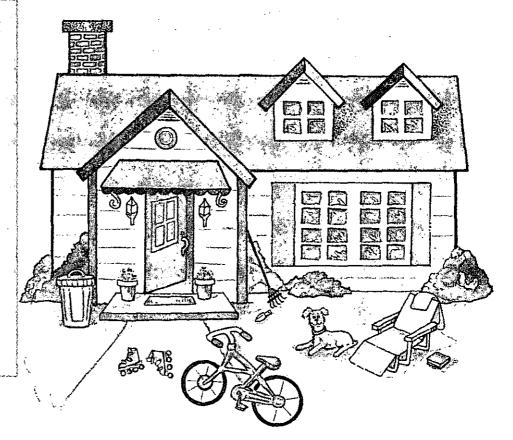
- **▽** Listen to weather reports.
- **▼ Refill** prescription medicines.

- ∇ Cover your windows with boards or storm shutters.
- ▼ Fill your car's gas tank; check oil and water.
- ▼ Check your Hurricane Supplies Kit and buy the things you will need.
- **▽ Bring** in loose things in the yard like toys, tools, flower pots, and hanging plants.
- **▽ Store** extra water in clean bathtubs, jugs and pails.

This house is not ready for a hurricane! Circle all the things that are wrong.

Clheck List

- ∇ Close outside doors
- ∇ Board up
 windows
- ♥ Bring in:
 - -pets
 - 🚽 -trash cans
 - -bicycles
 - alawn chairs
 - -toys
 - -garden tools
 - -hanging plants
 - -flower pots



Get Going -Huirricame Wairming!

Jason and Robin also learned that when weather forecasters believe the storm is less than 1 day away, they will issue a Hurricane Warning. A Hurricane Warning means that you must be ready to evacuate immediately if you are told to do so.

- ∇ Listen for weather reports and emergency information.
- ∇ Make sure your home is **prepared** for the storm.

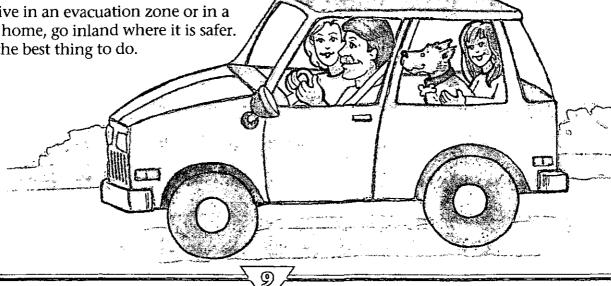
If you are told to evacuate, remind your family to:

- ▽ Call friends and family and let them know where you are going.
- ∇ Check on neighbors; make sure they know of the evacuation order and have a ride to a safe place.
- ∇ Lock windows and doors.
- **▽** Take your Hurricane Supplies Kit with you!

If you live in an evacuation zone or in a mobile home, go inland where it is safer. That's the best thing to do.

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- ∇ Be brave. You may hear the winds swirling outside, knocking down trees and rattling the windows.
- ∇ The winds may knock down power lines and the electricity may go out. Have your flashlight ready.
- ∇ Listen for weather reports and emergency information. Have your battery-powered radio handy if the power goes out.
- ∇ Stay indoors! Don't be fooled by the calm eye of the hurricane!
- ∇ Stay away from windows, skylights and doors!
- ∇ If the winds are very strong, go to a closet or bathroom in the center of your home.



After the Storm

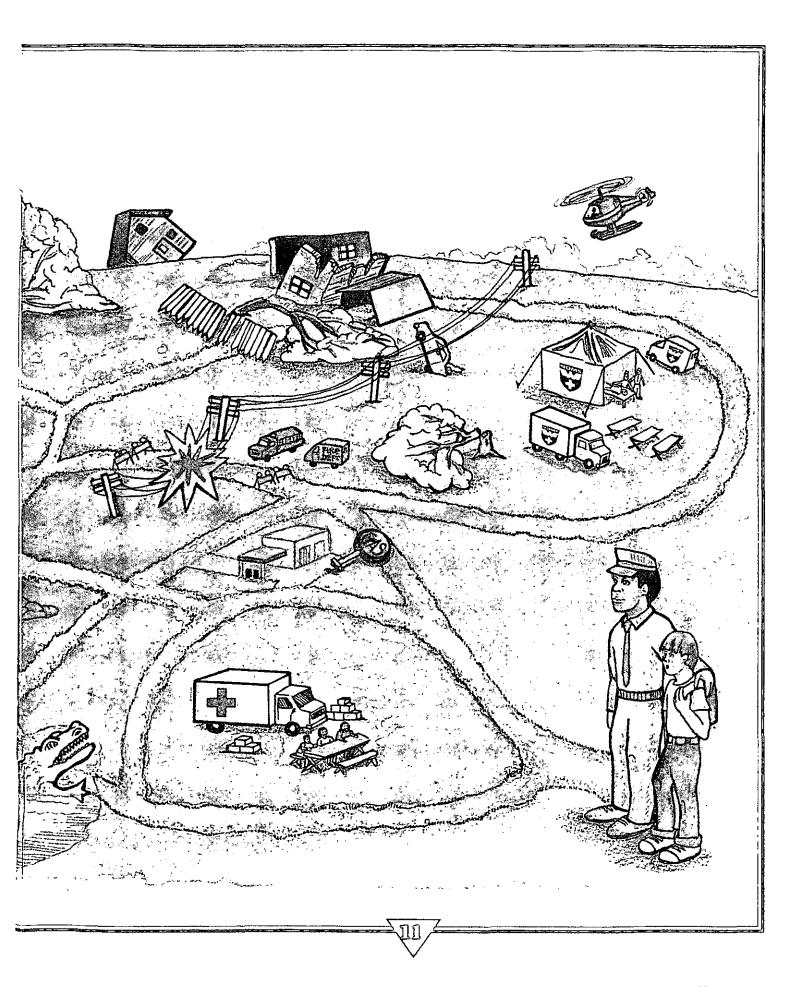
Jason and Robin learned that a hurricane can damage your home and neighborhood, your school and stores. After the hurricane is over, it takes time for things to return to normal. You can help! But, you need to be careful.

Remember these important safety tips:

- Stay away from fallen trees and power lines!
- Do not play near broken water or sewer lines.
- Be careful of snakes, insects and other animals driven to high ground by the floods.
- Do not drink water from the faucet or eat any food until your family tells you it is safe.
- ▼ Be patient. People, families and neighborhoods all need time to recover from a hurricane.
- Listen to the radio for advice and help.

Help Jason get home safely. Follow the road, but avoid all the hazards.





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Jason and Robin learned that there are many people who are there to help you. It is always important to have their phone numbers in case of an emergency. Find these numbers in your city.

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Police	 · 	 	
Fire	 	 	
Emergency			
Management	 		
Local Red Cross			

A Special Letter to Teachers and Families:

This Activity Book was written to help you teach your children safety tips that will benefit the entire family should a hurricane ever strike. Children and their families that have been taught preparedness and safety messages about hurricanes are better able to cope with the stress of a disaster. So, if you take the time now to prepare, it is the first step towards preventing problems later on.

The recovery period after a hurricane or any major disaster is a very stressful time for children (and their families). If the area is hard-hit, it may be weeks or months before things return to normal. If a disaster strikes your area, here are some things to remember:

▼ Encourage children to talk about the disaster. Emphasize how being prepared and part of the "family team", made everybody feel safer.

 ∀ Where possible, have children help in the clean-up. A child that feels like part of the "family team", will be more self-assured.

▼ If you notice persistent changes in your child's behavior (thumb-sucking, bedwetting or clinging), seek the aid of a trained professional. Your local Red Cross chapter can help you.

This Activity Book was written for students in grades three through five. It is part of a children's hurricane awareness program funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The companion 10-minute video, "Jason and Robin's Awesome Hurricane Adventure" and other information about natural hazards and disaster preparedness are available through FEMA, your local Red Cross Chapter and your county emergency management agency.

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