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Today's Episode: Wildfires

Hello again Brainchild Fan! Here is your first Who Smarted? episode activity guide, from the creators of BRAINCHILD and BRAIN GAMES. You'll get this each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday when we our free audio episodes come out.

Today's episode is all about WILDFIRES and how to enjoy nature responsibly. You and your kid can listen on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or any other podcast player - and you can subscribe for free in the player so you never miss a single episode. Or listen right from our site if you don't use a podcast player.

Questions we answer on today's episode:

What is the number one human cause of wildfires?

What is the number one natural cause of wildfires?

What can you do to prevent wildfires?

Grow Their Mind

The episode opens with a fictional scene involving two campers who accidentally start a wildfire. We then quiz our listeners about the decisions the campers made and how they contributed to causing the fire. This will help kids learn the RIGHT things to do -- including:

Checking with Park Rangers about where fire is PERMITTED or not.

Building your campfire only in a safe FIRE PIT.

Having plenty of WATER nearby to extinguish errant flames.

Putting your fire out COMPLETELY when you are done

Never leaving your fire UNATTENDED, even for a second

Never fall ASLEEP while you have a fire still going... even for a moment.

Activities

Firefighters are HEROES. Have your kids draw a picture or comic strip depicting these brave men and women hard at work battling wildfires through any of the various methods mentioned in the episode.

Work with your kids to draw an illustrated guide to the six steps to wildfire prevention.

Additional Resources

[Smokey the Bear](#) was invented in 1944 by the US Forest Service. Because WW2 had depleted America's typical firefighters (able-bodied young men) there were less people in the homeland to fight fires, so preventing their outbreak became even more important. He still has terrific tips on how to prevent wildfires, at Smokey Bear's official US Forest page.

Kid News

The [National PTA](#) has put out a great guide on internet security for children, in response to how much time kids are spending online. One good tip: do not use any password that you use for your financial accounts on your child's computer or any programs or apps for their school. The easier you make it to remember your passwords, the easier you make it to get hacked.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This activity guide is for the Who Smarted? podcast [www.WhoSmarted.com](http://www.WhoSmarted.com)