

Prepare with Pedro!

Tornadoes

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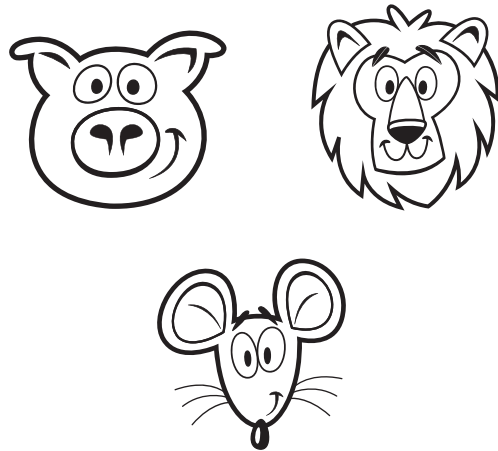


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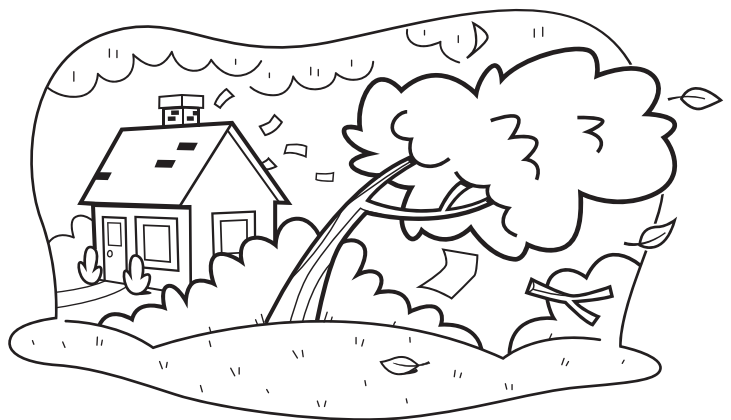
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GRADES 1-2 • REPRODUCIBLE MASTER ACTIVITY 1

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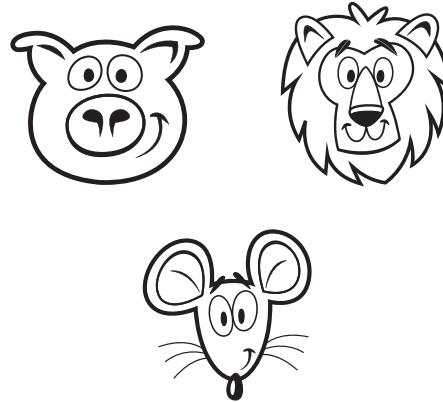


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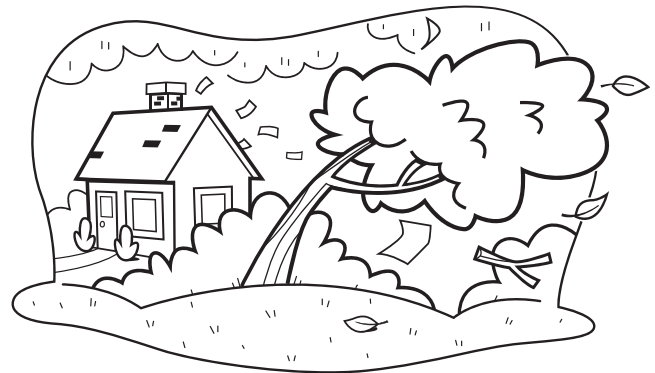
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Part 2: Match the tornado warning signs to the clues. Write the letter for each warning sign on the correct line.

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| 1. roar _____ | a. The color you make when you mix blue and yellow. |
| 2. cone _____ | b. The sound a lion or loud train makes. |
| 3. green _____ | c. When the air moves fast and makes things fly around. |
| 4. wind _____ | d. This shape is pointy at the bottom and round at the top. |



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Find the places that are not safe in a tornado. Cross them out using **RED**.



Part 2: Read the safety message below. When you see a picture, say the name of the picture.

Kneel on the . Curl up as tight as a . Put your  over your  and neck. This will help protect you from anything that could  around from the wind.

A MESSAGE TO GROWN-UPS: Identify two to three safe places in your home where household members could go in the event of a tornado. Good locations include inside rooms without windows, like a bathroom or closet, in the basement or on the lowest level of your home, or an underground shelter. Go to a safe place in a sturdy building nearby if you live in a mobile home. Practice going to your safe places together and kneeling on the floor, face down and curled up like a ball, while covering your head and neck with your hands (the “safe position”).



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Part 3: On the back of this sheet, draw a picture of your home. Circle three safe places to go during a tornado.

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A Message to Grown-ups



Your child has been learning about tornadoes, including warning signs and how to be prepared and take action if a tornado comes to your area. Ask children to share what they have learned.

Below is a list of 10 tornado preparedness tips. Display this chart in your home, assigning one grown-up and one child helper to each step. Having a concrete, visual plan can help children (and grown-ups!) feel more prepared and less fearful about tornadoes. It can also empower kids to know they have certain jobs to help their household stay safe. Help your child create a map of your home to show the safe places to go in case of a tornado.

TORNADO PREPAREDNESS TIP	GROWN-UP IN CHARGE	CHILD HELPER
1. Create a household communication plan with emergency numbers.		
2. Put together an emergency kit with enough food and water for each household member for three days.		
3. Track tornado watches and tornado warnings in your area, either on TV, the radio or a cellphone app.		
4. Select three safe places in your home (or in a sturdy building nearby if you live in a mobile home) to go to during a tornado.		
5. Know the location of the nearest emergency shelter in case you need to evacuate, and map out two routes to get there.		
6. Practice getting into the safe position (kneeling on the floor, face down covering your head and neck).		
7. Determine a plan for keeping any pets safe during a tornado.		
8. Make a list of important medications and be sure you have enough in your emergency kit to last a month.		
9. Know which outdoor items you'll want to bring inside so they don't blow away.		
10. Practice your preparedness plan twice a year so you'll know just what to do!		

Emergencies Can Be Scary

Let children know that if you do experience a tornado, the grown-ups in the household will put the plan into action so children don't feel it is their job. Talk through any fears children may have and consider practicing coping skills like closing your eyes and imagining being together in your safe place, in the safe position. For additional coping skills, visit [redcross.org/youthresilience](https://www.redcross.org/youthresilience).



Learn More!

For more information, check out these resources:

American Red Cross:
[redcross.org/tornado](https://www.redcross.org/tornado)

Ready.gov: [ready.gov/tornado](https://www.ready.gov/tornado)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
[cdc.gov/disasters/tornadoes/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/tornadoes/index.html)