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Exit Drill In The Home

Get Low
and Go!

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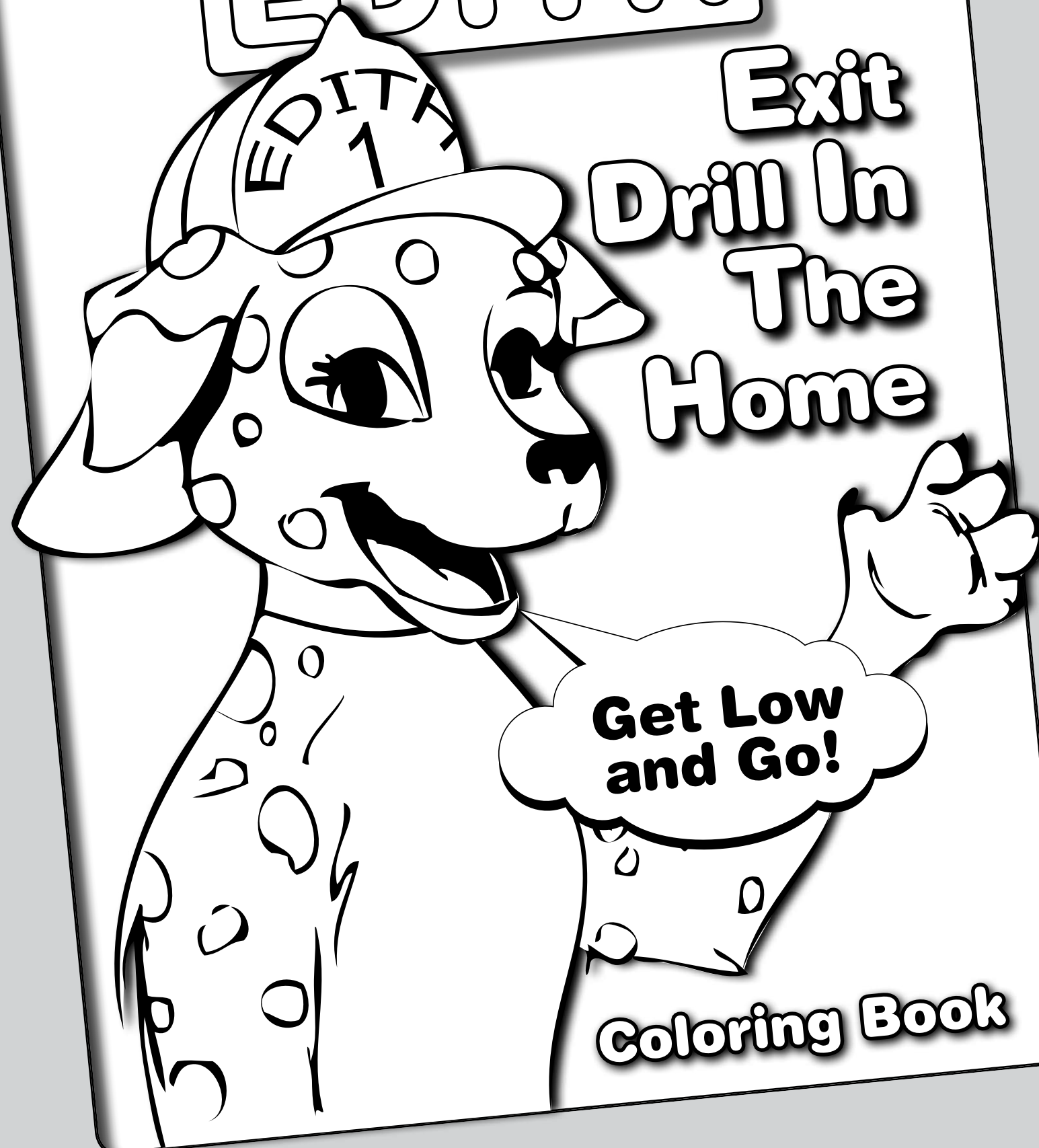
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Coloring Book



Message to Parents

Would your child know what to do if he or she...

- ✓ heard the smoke detector in your home?
- ✓ smelled smoke?
- ✓ saw flames at the bedroom door?

Children age five and under are twice as likely to die in fires as are older children and adults. Many die because they instinctively try to hide from smoke and flames. Tragically, their bodies are often found in closets and under beds.

As parents, it is important for you to reinforce some key messages about fire safety with your children. They learn best by example, so spend some time at least twice a year practicing an exit drill with your family.

Read through this book with your children and make sure they understand the key points listed at the end. We know you are concerned for the safety of your child and the Operation EDITH materials you have received will provide you and your child with a plan of action in case of a fire.

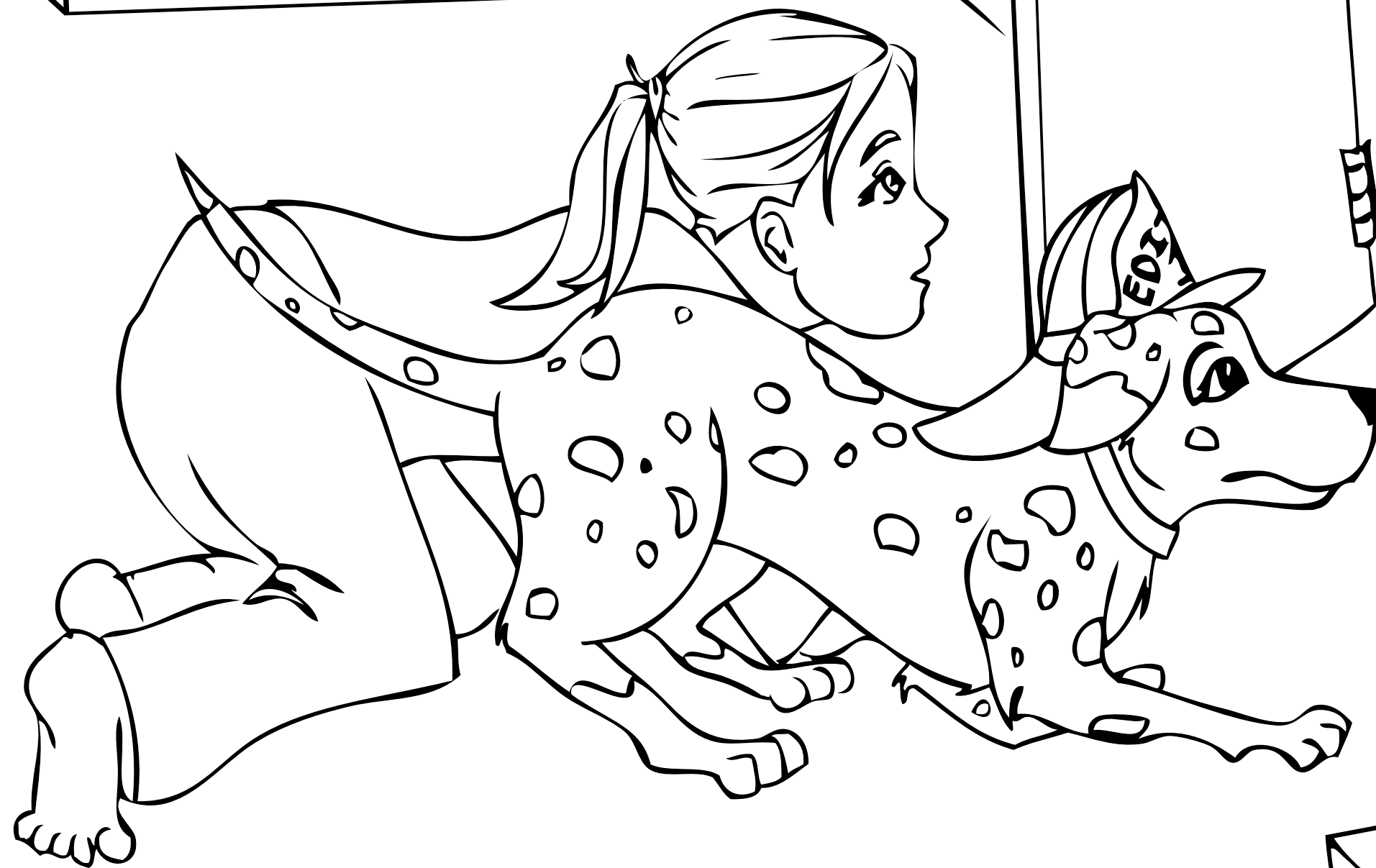
This Book Belongs to:

**Do you know what a smoke detector sounds like?
Have a grown up press the test button so you can
hear the sound.**



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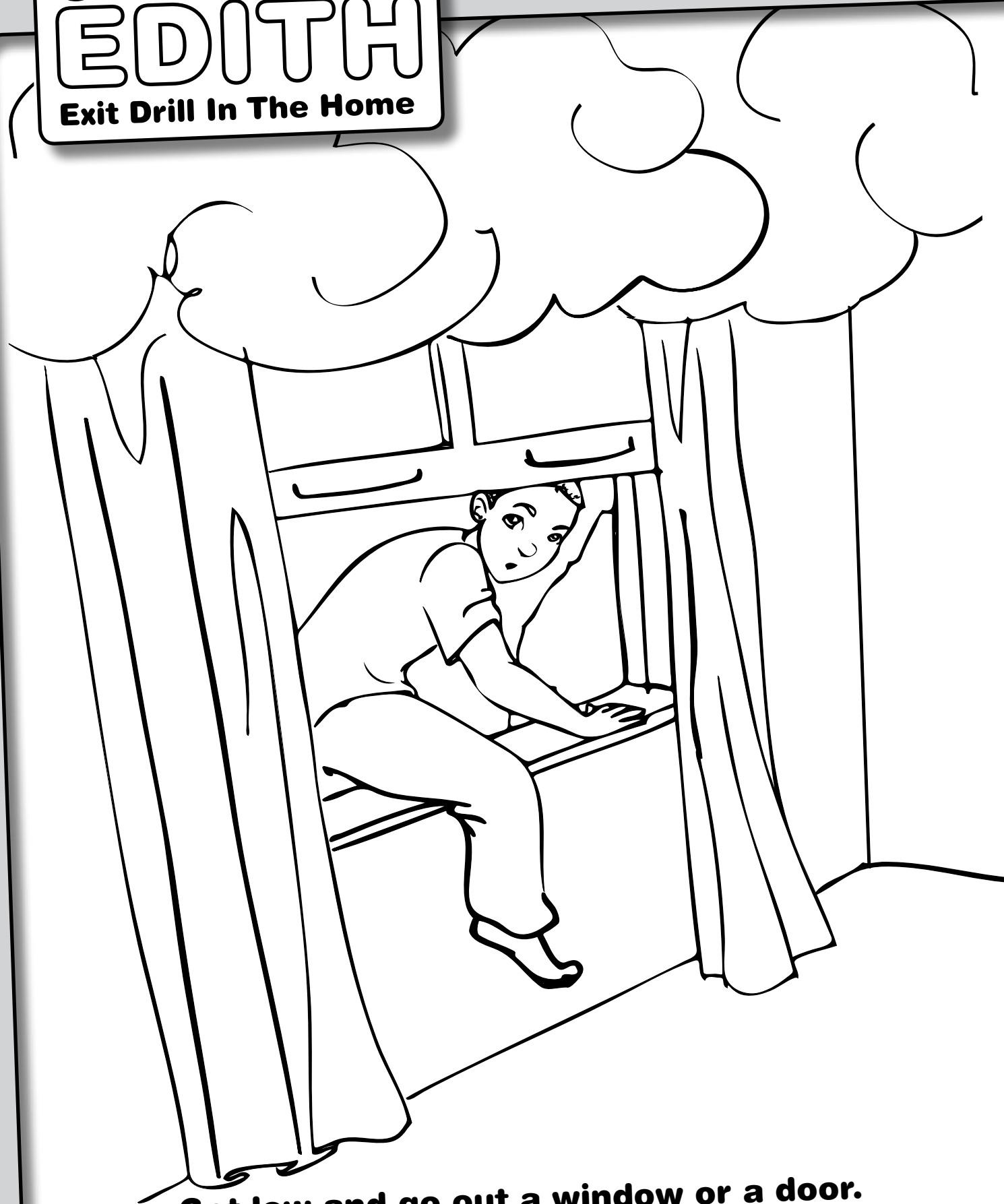
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Get low under the smoke and crawl out of the house.

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Get low and go out a window or a door.



Don't hide under the bed or in the closet!

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Choose a Meeting Place

It is important for your family to decide on a safe meeting place away from the house and the fire.

Agree on a meeting place together. This could be a mail box or a certain tree, for example. Make sure your child knows to go straight to the meeting place once outside the house and not to go back in the burning house or building.

Having a pre-determined meeting place allows parents to quickly know that all family members are safely out of the house.

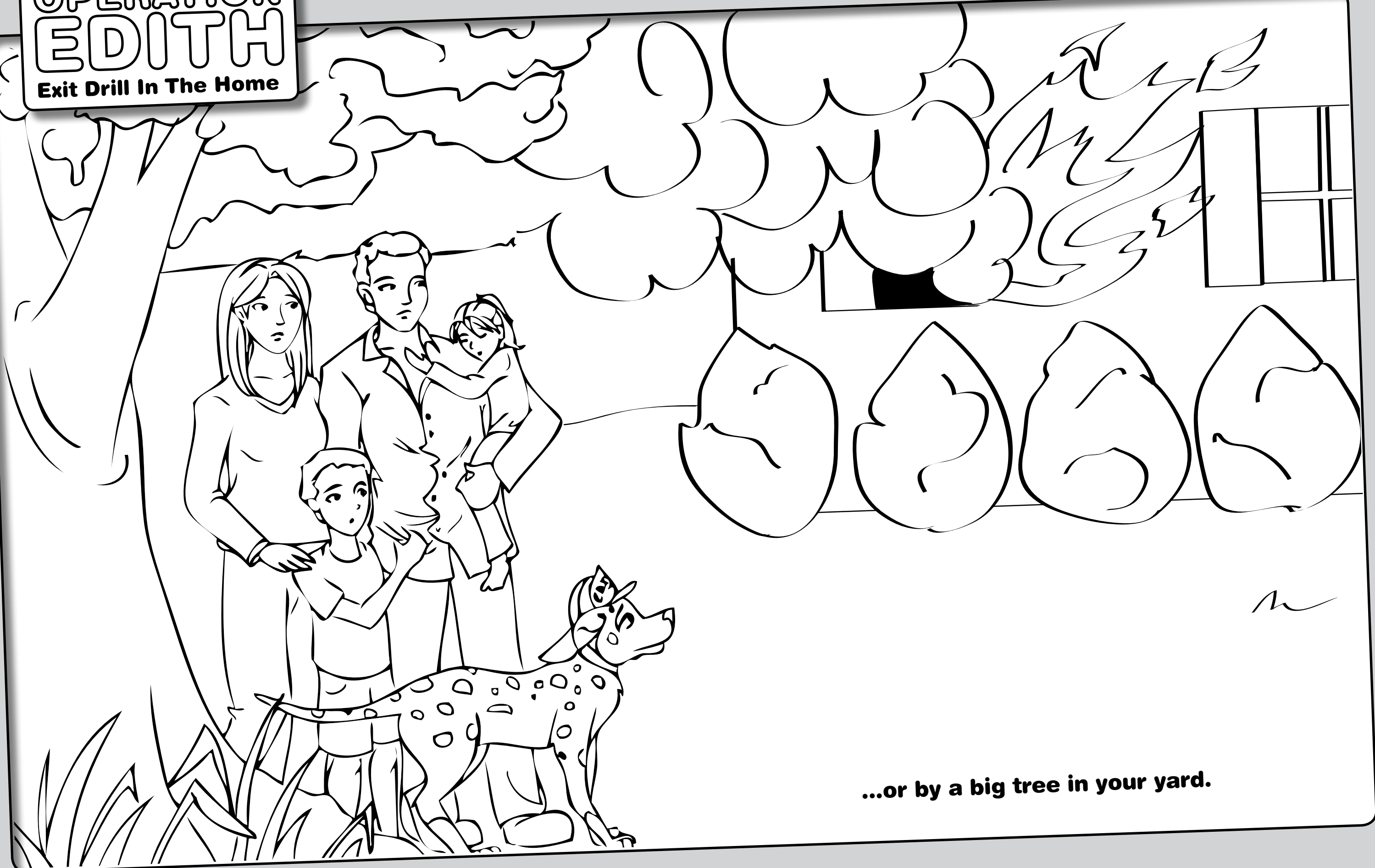
Once everyone is at the family meeting place, go to the nearest phone at a neighbor's house or nearby building and dial 911 or your area fire department.



Meet Mommy or Daddy by the street...

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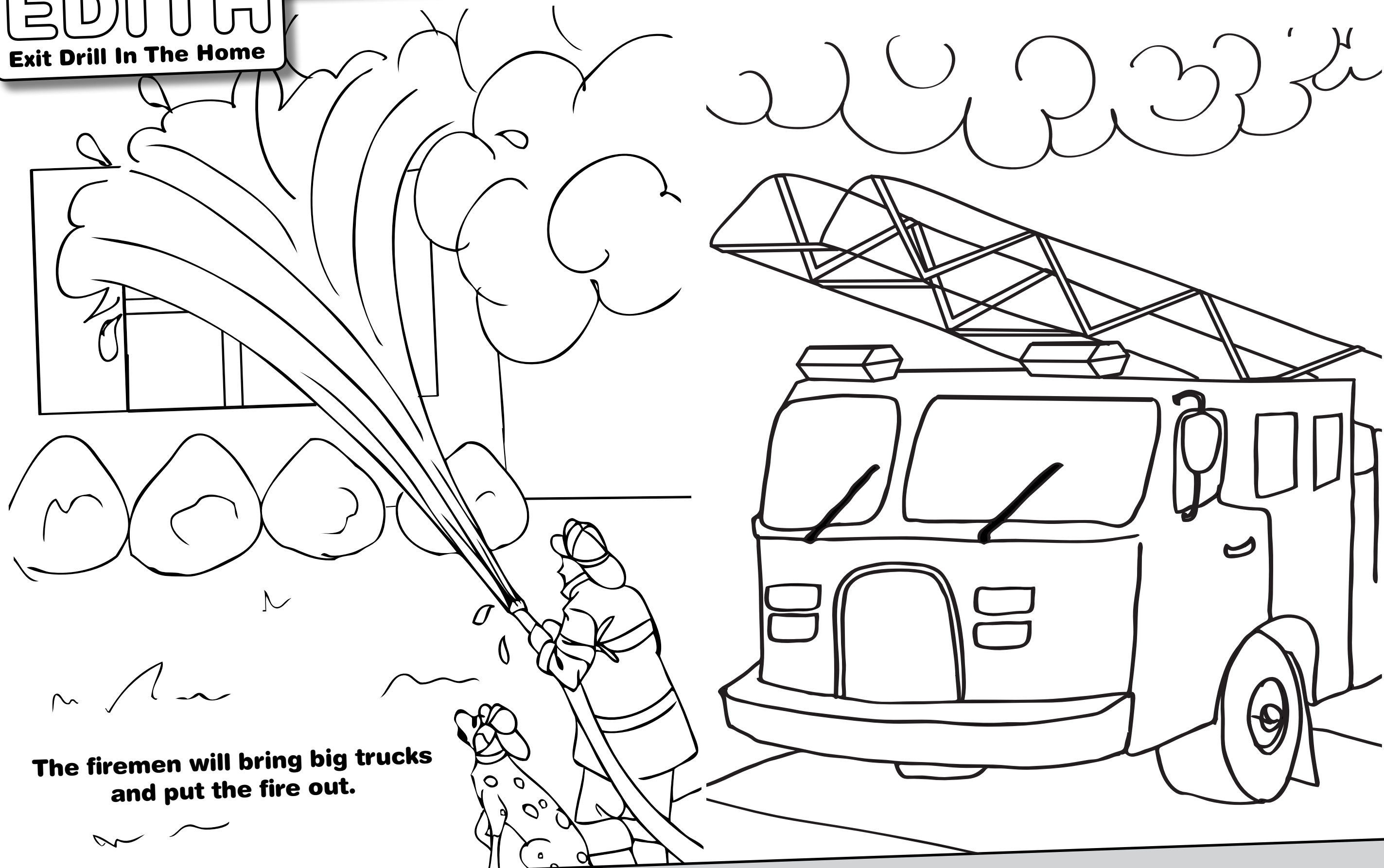
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...or by a big tree in your yard.

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The firemen will bring big trucks
and put the fire out.

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**Review these
important points
with your children.**

1. Know what a smoke detector sounds like.



2. Do not hide under the bed or in a closet.



3. *Get low and Go* out the room through a window or door.



4. Crawl under the smoke and out of the house.



5. Meet your family at a designated meeting spot.



Fire Safety Checklist for Parents

1. Install smoke detectors on every level of your home. Replace batteries at least twice a year. If bedroom doors are kept closed at night, a detector should also be installed in each bedroom.
2. Prepare a home exit plan. There should be two exits from each room, which means one exit could be a window. You may need to purchase chain ladders which would enable your family to exit from a second story window without injury. Such supplies are carried in local hardware and home improvement stores.
3. Practice a home exit drill with your family during fire safety week and at least two other times a year.
 - To tell a grown-up if they see smoke or flames
 - To get out of the house when they hear the smoke detector
 - Two ways to exit each room
 - To go to your "family meeting place"
 - Never to go back into a burning building