



## Mike the Medic

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### Phonics Skill

#### *Related Words*

act/action

breath/breathe

cloth/clothes

sign/signal

hand/handle

medic/medical

safe/safety





This is Mike. He is a medic. A medic helps people who have medical problems before they can get to a doctor. Mike gives first aid when people are hurt or sick. Medics help take injured or sick people to the hospital so that they can get medicine and other help needed.





Mike works for the fire department. Like many medics, he is a firefighter too. Mike sleeps at the firehouse. But Mike won't stay asleep for long. The alarm tells Mike that it is time to wake up and get to work. He gets dressed quickly and rushes to his truck. It's time for action!





The truck has lights and sirens that signal drivers to pull over to the side of the road. Bright, flashing lights and loud, wailing sirens are signs that this truck needs to get someplace fast. Cars pull over and stop to make way for this fire truck.






When the truck gets to the place where help is needed, the firefighters see smoke. A house is on fire! Mike and the other firefighters act quickly. Mike grabs the handle of his first-aid kit with one hand and blankets with his other hand. While other firefighters put out the fire, Mike checks to see if anyone is hurt.





 Mike sees a family standing on the sidewalk. They look cold and frightened. Their clothes smell smoky and their faces are sooty. But everybody is safe. They had put cloth over their noses and mouths, which protected them from smoke. Mike checks them out and wraps blankets around them to keep them warm.





The fire is out at last. Now Mike helps the firefighters. Tim feels sick from heat and smoke. He cannot catch his breath. Mike puts a mask on his face to help him breathe clean air while he rests. Tim will see a doctor to make sure he is healthy and safe. Marla needs Mike's help too. She fell inside the house and cut her arm. Mike works hard looking after these brave safety workers.





When they are finished, Mike and the other firefighters return to the station. Mike can finally get back to sleep. He is really tired now, but he is also happy that he is able to do such good work. His ability to help people every day makes Mike very proud.

