The Natural Disasters Song

Use this song to teach about the basic procedures in natural disasters- you can customize the verses to fit the most common disasters in your area

Lyrics

To the tune of "The Wheels On The Bus"

Chorus

Severe weather happens all around, all around, all around
Severe weather happens all around the world

Thunderstorms

When thunder roars, you get indoors, get indoors, get indoors.
When thunder roars, you get indoors all around the world

Tornadoes

When tornadoes spin, go underground, underground, underground
When tornadoes spins, go underground all around the world

Wildfire

When wildfires burn, listen and go, listen and go, listen and go.
When wildfires burn, listen and go, all around the world

Tsunami

When the ocean goes bye-bye, get up high, get up high, get up high
When the ocean goes bye-bye, get up high all around the world

Hurricane

When a hurricane is coming get out of town, out of town, out of town
When a hurricane is coming get out of town all around the world

Dance

Chorus

Move hands down while wiggling fingers, signifying rain
Trace large circle in the air

Thunderstorms

Make "claws" with your hands and scratch the air
Make roof shape over your head with your arms

Tornadoes

Spin arms together
Slowly raise hands over your head

Wildfire

Wiggle your fingers with hands outstretched
Cup hand around your ear
Point thumb over shoulder

Tsunami

Wave goodbye
Point upwards

Hurricane

Wave hands to signify wind
Point thumb over shoulder

Teacher Guide

Audience: PreK-1st Grade
Necessary Skills: Ability to listen and repeat a song, ability to do simple hand movements
Purpose: To give young kids the basic principles of what to do in a disaster, and what each disaster means, to better prepare them during an actual disaster.

Teacher guide

Use this resource to determine what disasters are most common in your area: Disaster and Risk Mapping | Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters | National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)

Main idea to be taught about each disaster:

Thunderstorms: When you hear thunder, it means there's lightning, and you should go inside to avoid being struck. To learn more about thunderstorms, and thunderstorm preparedness, go to Severe Weather 101: Thunderstorm Basics

Tornadoes: When a tornado is coming, take shelter in a specific tornado shelter, or underground away from windows if not possible. To learn more about tornadoes, and tornado preparedness, go to Severe Weather 101: Tornado Basics

Hurricanes: When a hurricane warning is issued, evacuate immediately, taking shelter in a specified storm shelter or in another safe location. To learn more about hurricanes, and hurricane preparedness, go to Hurricane Preparation

Wildfires: Wildfires can be unpredictable, so be on alert when watches are issued, and be ready to evacuate at any time. To learn more, go to Wildfire season and fire weather

Tsunami: Rapid, unusual falls in ocean water level usually means tsunamis are coming, and you need to get to high ground immediately. To learn more, go to Tsunamis: Know the Signs, Hear the Stories, and Get Prepared!