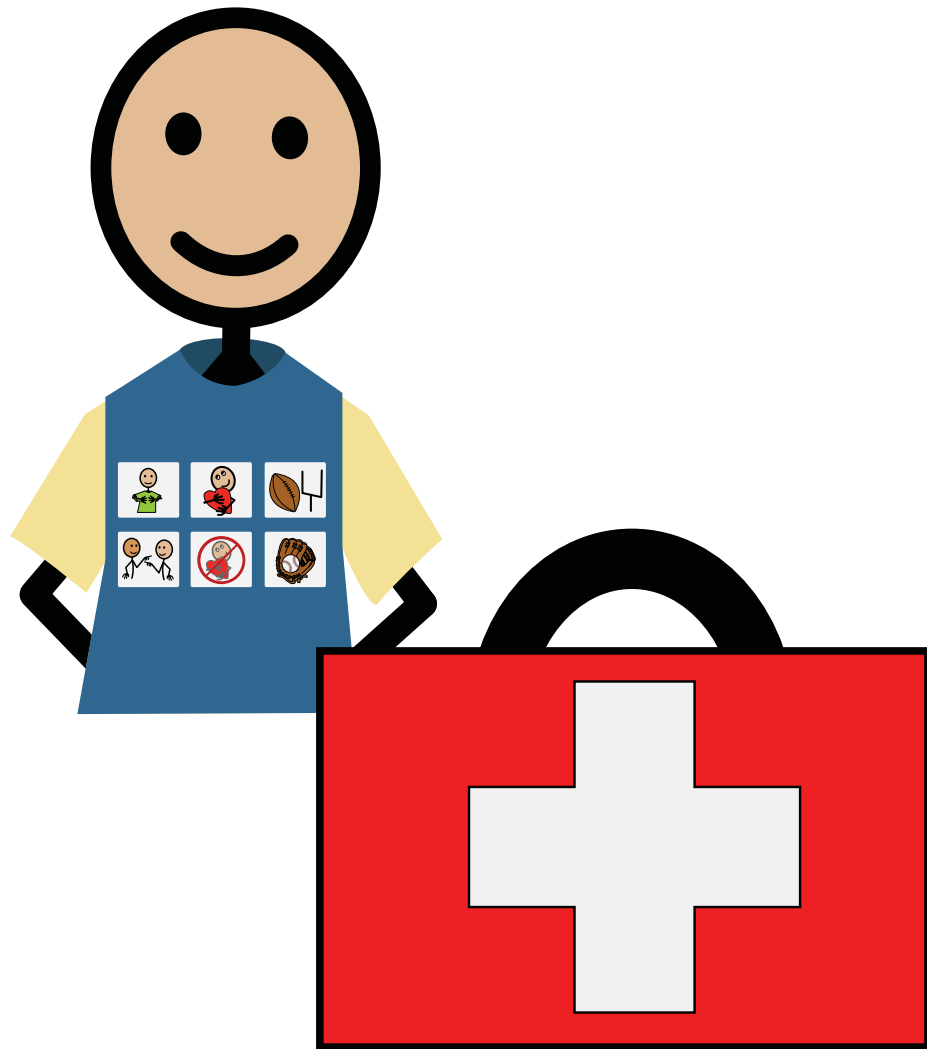
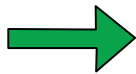


# Billy Builds a Kit

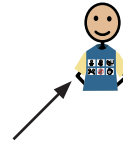


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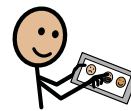
Billy Smith goes to Riverdale Grade school.



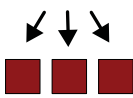
Billy uses a device to help him talk.



He points to a symbol on the device's screen.



Each symbol picture stands for a word.



And It The  
WORDS  
Up

The device's computer speaks the word for Billy.

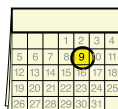


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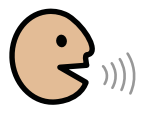


One day, Billy's teacher asked the class a question.

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She asked how many emergencies they could name.



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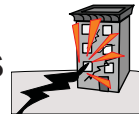
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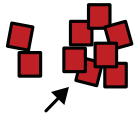
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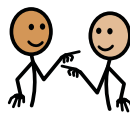
and many more



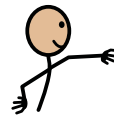
Billy named:



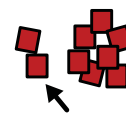
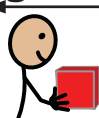
The teacher asked, "Are you ready for an emergency?"



Billy did not know what to do in an emergency.



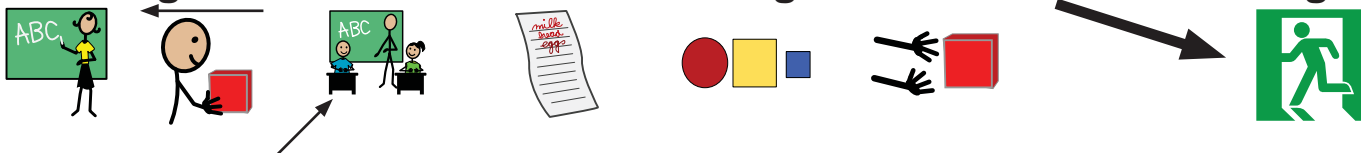
The teacher gave the class some homework.



She gave the symbols he would use in an emergency.



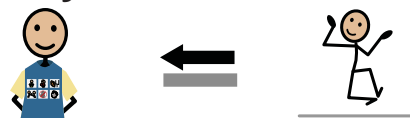
She gave them a list of things needed in an emergency.



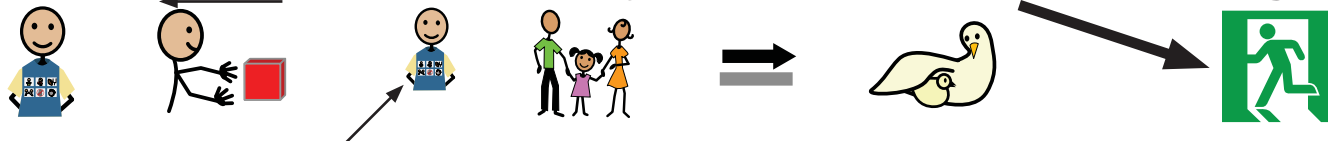
She asked each child's family to make an emergency kit.



Billy was excited.

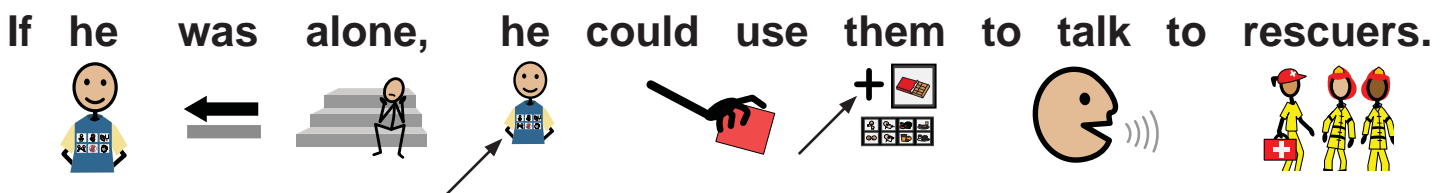
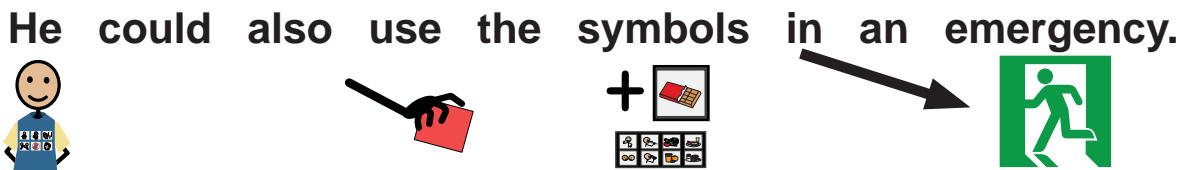
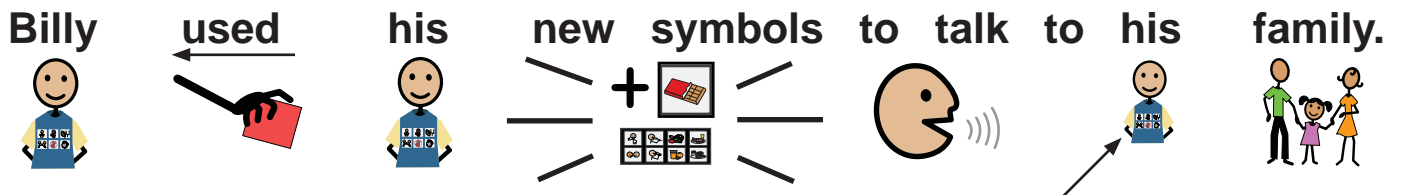
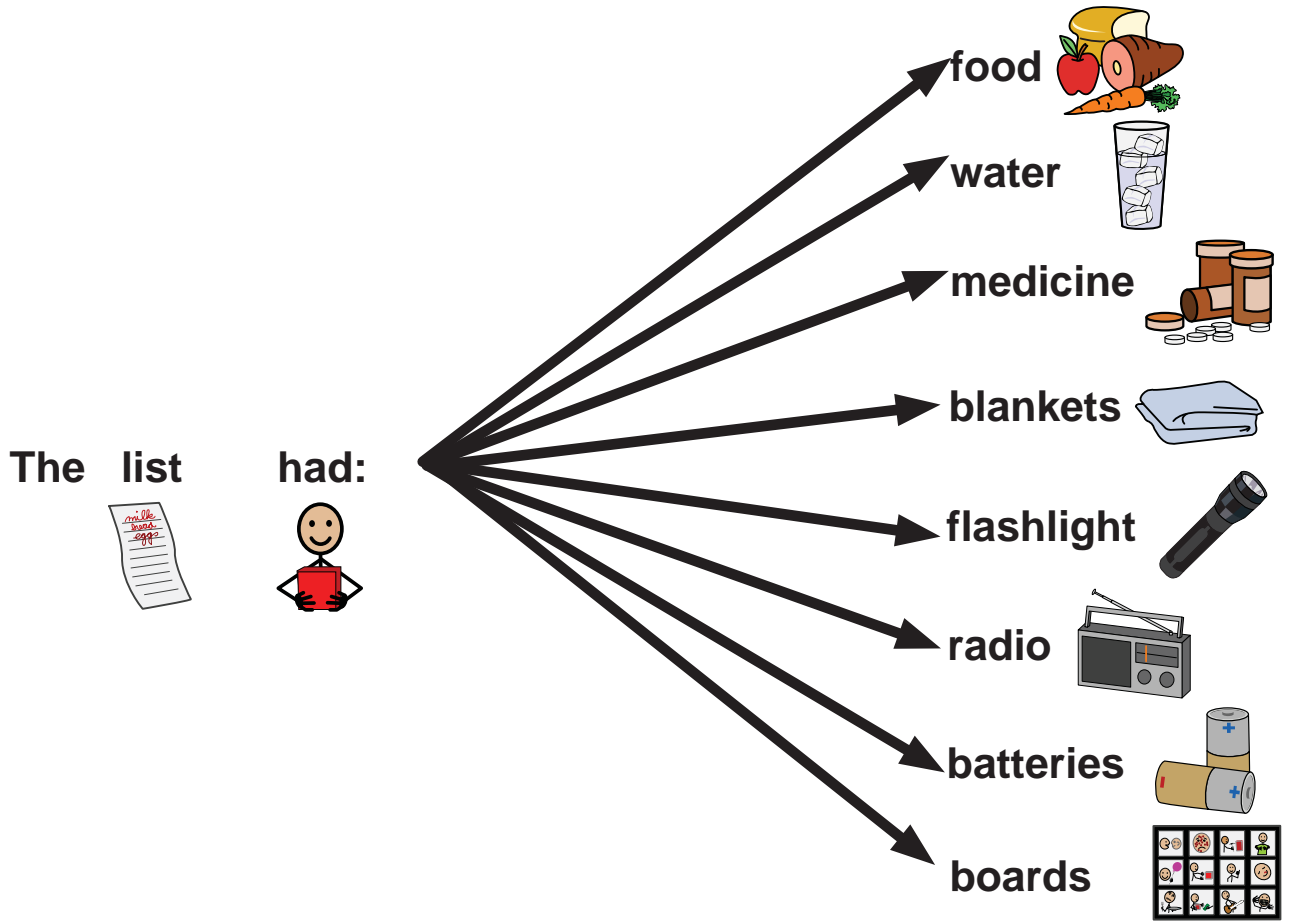


He wanted his family to be safe in an emergency.

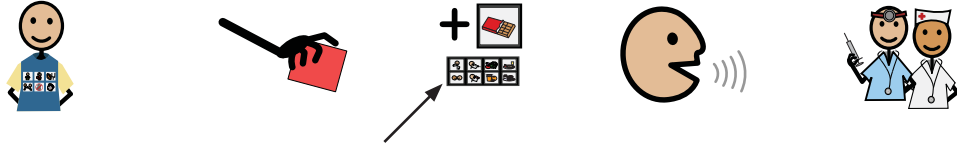


He looked at the teacher's list.





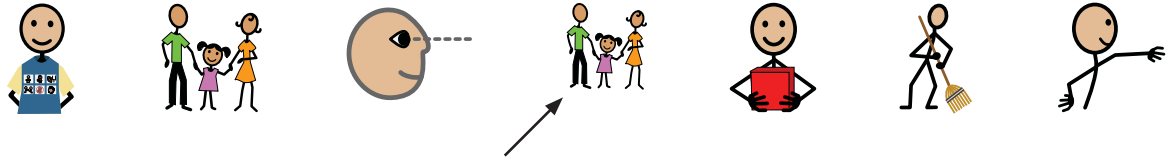
He could use them to talk to doctors.



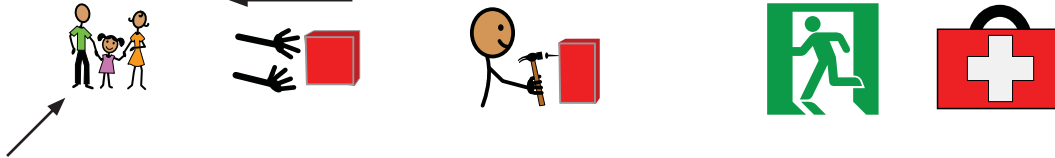
He could tell everyone what help he needed.



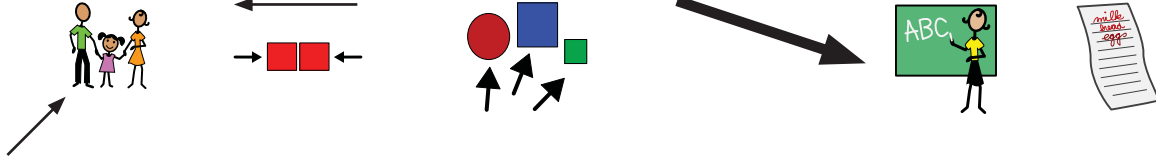
Billy's family saw they had a job to do.



They needed to make an emergency kit.



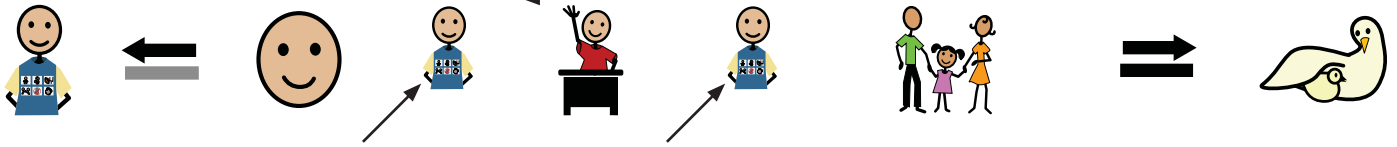
They gathered everything on the teacher's list.



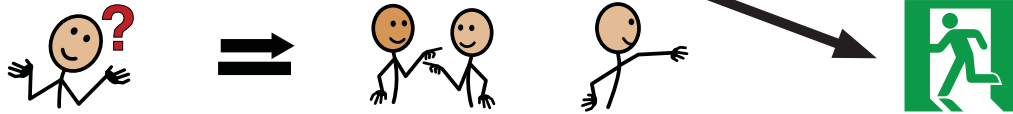
They talked about what to do in each emergency.



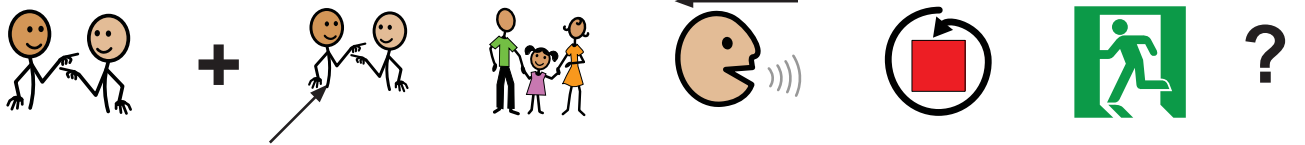
Billy was happy; he knew his family would be safe.



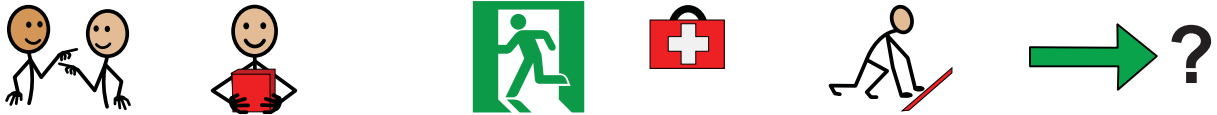
What would you do in an emergency?



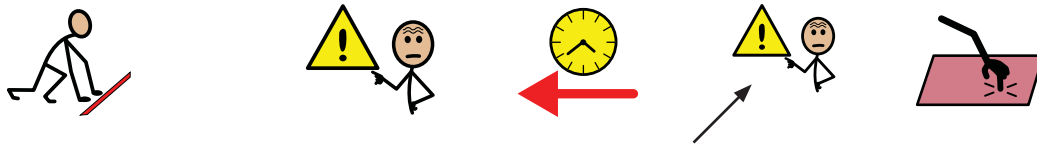
Have you and your family talked about emergencies?



Do you have an emergency kit ready to go?



Get ready for trouble BEFORE it happens.



Someday you may be very glad that you did.

