

CLANCY TO THE RESCUE

Divide the group into seven smaller groups and assign each group one of the words listed below. Read the story. After each of the words is read pause for the group to make the appropriate response.

CLANCY	(feel your muscles, like a strong man)
HORSES	(Slap thighs)
YELL	(Indian fashion, with hand over mouth)
FIRE ENGINE	(High-pitched siren sound)
BELL	(Swing arm like a clapper saying, *Clang, clang, clang!')
HOSE	(Shh-sh-sh sound like water from a hose)
STEAM	(Hissing s-s-s-s-s sound)

If you like **HORSES**, you would have enjoyed living back in the 1800's when they had old-fashioned **STEAM** type **FIRE ENGINES**, pulled by **HORSES**. One of the **FIRE ENGINES** was driven by the greatest hero ever, **CLANCY**! Yes, Sir! **CLANCY** was a real hero. Every day when there was no fire, he would take the **HORSES** out for exercise, trotting them gently up and down the streets. If there were children along the way, **CLANCY** would always stop and let them pet the **HORSES**.

Sometimes the alarms were in the daytime, but sometimes they were at night. When the alarm sounded at night, one man would **YELL** up to the firemen above, and the men would run to the **FIRE ENGINE** where the **STEAM** was up, and away they would go to the fire, clanging the **BELL**, with **CLANCY** driving the **HORSES**.

One night most all the men were in bed and the others were playing checkers when the alarm sounded. Where was the fire? At the mayor's big two-story house! Quick as a flash they were there. **CLANCY** stopped the **HORSES** and **YELLED**, "Keep the **STEAM** up men." They started the fire **HOSE** and began to squirt water on the fire.

CLANCY strained to see upstairs where the mayor's wife was trapped. Flames were everywhere! **CLANCY** **YELLED**, "You'll have to jump!" The mayor's wife was afraid, so **CLANCY** threw her a rope and she came right down into the middle of the net.

The firemen kept fighting the fire. They got the **HOSE** on it and kept up the **STEAM** in the **FIRE ENGINE**. Before long, the fire was out, so they turned off the **HOSE**, got back on the **FIRE ENGINE**, and went back to the fire house, clanging the **BELL**. To **CLANCY** and the other firemen, it was all in a day's work. The sleepy firemen went back upstairs and soon were sound asleep.