The next day—

David, you're a big boy now. I think you're old enough to help me burn the security trash. Remember, you should always stay away from fires and matches unless you're working with an adult, and always let the adult strike the match!

Yes, Sir! Uncle Alf, I'm ready to help!

This is a very dangerous and important job, so please help us, Lord, to be extra-careful! In Jesus' name, amen!

Let's remember that as we put the trash in the steel drum to burn, that we check through it and take out any batteries, lightbulbs, spray cans, bottles and plastic materials that could explode or give off poisonous fumes when burned!

You can help me to check it, okay, David?

I found a battery, Uncle Alf!

And here's a plastic wrapper!

We need to make an announcement to remind everyone not to throw dangerous items in the burnable trash!

Now we'll burn the trash here in this open space so that there will be nothing nearby that can catch on fire!

That's right!
Remember, David, when you strike a match to start the fire, be sure that you're wearing glasses. Turn your face away so that sparks won't accidentally fly into your eye!

Yes, Sir! Grandpa says that fires are very dangerous! I'll stand back and away!

Grandpa also says to turn the box away from you in such a way that you can't see the matchhead while you're striking it.

Why do you always cover the fire with a screen, Uncle Alf?

That's to keep sparks from flying out and catching things on fire or burning people!

Also, so half-burned pages don't go flying out and come down in our neighbour's yard, and breach our security!

The fire should never be left unattended. We have to always make sure that someone is watching it.

And we keep a bucket of water handy to put the fire out in case it starts spreading!

That's right!

Now that we're sure that every paper has burned, I'll stir the ashes with this stick to make sure that the fire is completely out. Well, did you learn anything new, David?

Oh yes, thank you, Uncle Alf. We learned good lessons while we had fun working!