



ELMER AND THE FLOOD

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Rain or no rain, Elmer is going for a walk. After being cooped up in a cave with his herd, he longs for a bit of fresh air and some peace and quiet. But peace and quiet is going to have to wait – when Elmer goes outside, he discovers the rain has caused a flood. Can brave Elmer work out a way to save a stranded young elephant?

Questions:

1. How would you feel if you were stuck in the same place for a long time? If it was dangerous to go outside, would it be smart to go outside just because you were bored?
2. How do the other animals feel when they see Elmer walking in the rain and flood waters?
3. The alligators are probably excited that they can swim in new places, but how do people feel about the alligators? If the hurricane was over, would you want to swim to safety if there were crocodiles and alligators in the water?
4. Why are the elephants worried? How would you feel if you didn't know where a family member was during a flood?
5. Why is weather that is good for ducks not good for others?
6. How do you think people who get trapped during hurricanes and floods feel? How did Young elephant feel when he was trapped? How did Elmer feel at the beginning when he was trapped? How would you feel?
7. What do the elephants do when they hear about Young elephant being stuck?
8. How did Young elephant feel when he saw that people had come to save him? In a real flood, how do you think that would feel for people being saved?
9. Was it kind of them to trick Elmer? Why would they be rude to him after he saved Young elephant?
10. It was lucky that Elmer wanted to be alone! In real life, how do you think someone would feel if you tricked them and left them stuck in a flood? Is that a nice thing to do?

