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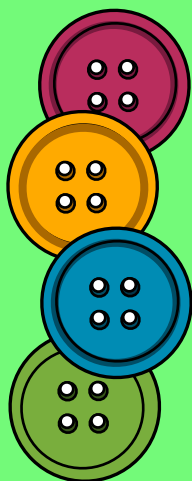
This is the story about three little firefighters getting ready to march in a parade. The only problem is, they do not have any buttons on their coats. What will they do? The parade is about to start!

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**Related Books:** *A Pair of Socks* by Stuart J. Murphy, *The Button Box* by Margarete S. Reid



# 3 Little Firefighters

**How will the 3 little firefighters find three matching sets of buttons? Find out how they sort it out!**

## Math Connections:

Sorting

Counting

## Activities to Do Together:

Ask your child to:

- Explain what the problem was that the little firefighters solved and how they solved it.
- Gather natural items from outside or around the house and take turns sorting them in different ways

## Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts

circles, four, large, less than, medium, sets, shape, size, small, sort, three

## Extension Questions:

1. How did the little firefighters end up solving their problem?
2. What are some of the ways the children tried sorting the buttons?
3. How would you solve the problem the children had: no matching buttons?

## Early Math Project Resources:

[Button Sorting](#) (English)

[Button Adjectives 1](#) (English)

[Button Adjectives 2](#) (English)

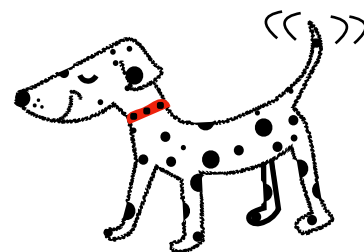
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[Sock Sorting](#) (English)

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## Online Resources:

From the [MathStart website](#), activities to do with children.