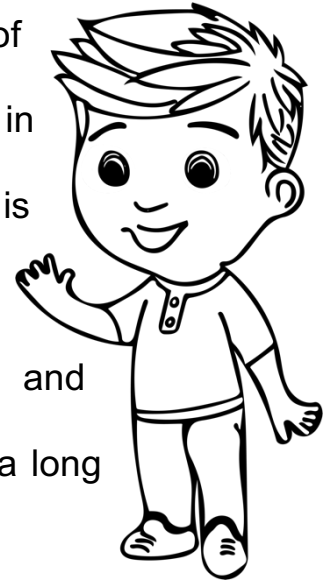


## Little Florian and the firefighters

At the end of the school year, the third grade of elementary school visited the Volunteer firefighters in Florianidorf. Little Florian was one of the visitors. He is a big fan of the firefighters and would like to become an active firefighter himself, just like his father and grandfather. He was looking forward to this visit for a long time.



When the school bell rang, Florian went together with his classmates to the fire station of the Volunteer firefighters. From the distance he could already see all the vehicles of the fire fighters that were lined up in the vehicle hall. As they approached the fire station, Florian got more and more excited. The brigade commander welcomed the school class at the entrance of the fire station. He asked the children if they have already been inside a fire station or experienced a ride in a firefighter vehicle. Little Florian raised his hand immediately, because he joined his father frequently when he drove in the big pump water tender.

Then the class got a tour inside the fire station. It started in the changing room with all the lockers and finished up in the office of the fire department. Florian's eyes were shining with excitement. Florian liked the big and cool room of the fire brigade youth best. The room was decorated with lots of pictures of the members of the fire brigade youth having fun at the regional meeting of the fire brigade youth of Lower Austria. From that moment onwards, it was clear to Florian that he wanted to become a fire fighter.

Unfortunately, there was one problem for the eight-year-old Florian, as the fire brigade youth just accepts children of 10 years of age. Florian couldn't hide his disappointment, and this didn't go unnoticed by his schoolteacher and the brigade commander, who sat down next to Florian and asked him if he had ever heard of the fire fighter group for children. Florian was surprised, as he had never heard of them before. He liked the idea and continued listening with great attention. The commander explained that from last September onwards, 8-year-old children were already allowed to join the fire fighters. They join a new group called the "children's fire fighters". They have their own shirts and caps with their own logo and mascot. Florian was delighted about what he just learned and had to tell his parents immediately.

## **What became of little Florian?**

Since the beginning of the new year, Florian joined the “children’s fire fighters” in Florianidorf and is an active and dedicated member of his group. Together with other children from his class and village they form a strong group of young fire fighters. Active play, fun, action and excitement is on their learning plan, which all the boys and girls in the group highly enjoy. Every day, Florian gets closer to his dream of becoming an active fire fighter. He couldn’t wait to join them. His whole upbringing involved the love for the fire fighters. Now came the moment where he always wanted to be, becoming a member of the Volunteer firefighters.

**Draw Florian at the children's firefighters:**

