

National Preparedness Month is all about being ready for surprises.
One family planned ahead. One family didn't.
Look closely at the pictures below and see if you can find all 10 differences!



National Preparedness Month Challenge

Check all the things your family already does:

- ☐ We have a place to keep emergency savings.
- ☐ We know who to call in an emergency.
- ☐ We keep a flashlight where we can find it.
- ☐ We have extra batteries at home.
- ☐ We know where our first aid kit is.
- ☐ We have important phone numbers written down.
- ☐ We help create grocery or shopping lists.
- ☐ We save money for unexpected expenses.
- ☐ We know our home address and phone number.
- ☐ We talk about family plans if something unexpected happens.
- ☐ We help keep our room organized and ready.
- ☐ We know the difference between wants and needs.

Family Discussion Question

Being prepared isn't just about storms. It's also about money!

What are some surprises that emergency savings could help a family handle?

- ☐ Car repair
- ☐ Broken phone
- ☐ Sick pet
- ☐ Medical bill
- ☐ Home repair
- ☐ Other: _____

Imagine you have to leave the house quickly for an emergency and can only take one backpack for the whole family. **What are three things you absolutely need to keep you safe and healthy? Why did you pick those?**

Fun Fact!

Just like families prepare for storms, many families also save money in an **emergency fund** to help cover unexpected expenses. Even small amounts saved over time can make a big difference when surprises happen! 🌟

Answer Key

1. Emergency savings jar full vs empty, 2. Pantry stocked vs empty 3. Water supply stored vs nearly gone, 4. First aid kit stocked vs empty, 5. Backpack packed vs empty, 6. Phone charged vs dead battery, 7. Radio with batteries vs missing batteries, 8. Rain gear vs flip-flops, 9. Working flashlight vs broken flashlight, 10. Emergency plan vs blank paper