

## Story: Hugs All Around

Elmo's day started with the sun shining through his window and a warm **good-morning hug** ♥ from Mommy. Getting hugged by his family and friends is Elmo's favorite way to begin the day, but he loves giving hugs, too! So Elmo went all around Sesame Street to share some fuzzy hugs with his favorite friends and neighbors.

First, he spotted his friend Alan working at Hooper's Store. Elmo spread his arms wide open and said, "Here's a big **thank-you hug** ♥ for always being there to listen to Elmo when he needs a friend!"

Then, Elmo saw Zoe, who was feeling a little scared because a very loud fire truck had just passed by. "That's too loud!" she said. Elmo reassured her that the loud siren means that firefighters are going to help somebody. Elmo then gave her a tight **we-are-safe hug** ♥ and she didn't feel so frightened anymore.

Finally, when Elmo got back home, it was time for bed. Elmo and Daddy snuggled under the blanket and read their favorite book together. They gave each other a very long **I-love-you hug**. ♥ Elmo couldn't think of a more perfect way to end his hug-filled day!

