

Setting: SCHOOL

The next day Christopher comes home from school.

ED. You're soaking.

CHRISTOPHER. Yes.

ED. Give me your coat, I'll hang it up. How was school?

CHRISTOPHER. It was good, thank you. Joseph Fleming took his trousers off and went to the toilet all over the floor of the changing room and started to eat it, but Mr. Davis stopped him.

ED. Good old Mr. Davis eh?

CHRISTOPHER. Joseph eats everything.

ED. Does he?

CHRISTOPHER. He once ate one of the little blocks of blue disinfectant, which hang inside the toilets. And he once ate a 50-pound note from his mother's wallet. And he eats string and rubber bands and tissues and writing paper and paints and plastic forks. Also he bangs his chin and screams a lot.

ED. I know how he feels. Christopher I've got to go out.

CHRISTOPHER. Why?

ED. I've just had a call. There's a lady. Her cellar has flooded. I've got to go out and fix it.

CHRISTOPHER. Is it an emergency?

ED. Yes mate.

CHRISTOPHER. It is raining very heavily.

ED. It is.

CHRISTOPHER. The rain looks like white sparks.

ED. Christopher if I go out, will you be OK?

CHRISTOPHER. Yes, I will because there's no one around because everybody's staying indoors.

ED. Good. Good. Good. Good lad.

CHRISTOPHER. I like looking at the rain.

ED. Terrific.

CHRISTOPHER. I like it because it makes me think how all the water in the world is connected.

ED. Does it?

CHRISTOPHER. This water, this rain has evaporated actually from somewhere like maybe the Gulf of Mexico maybe or Baffin Bay and now it's falling in front of the house.

ED. I'll have my mobile with me.

CHRISTOPHER. Yes.

ED. So you can call me if there's a problem.

CHRISTOPHER. Yes.

ED. Behave yourself Christopher yeah?

CHRISTOPHER. Yeah.

Ed exits.