

EXTERIOR—BASEBALL STANDS—CONTINUOUS

Calvin climbs the stands and sits down next to Maria. The game is beginning. During this conversation Maria and Calvin react to the game as it happens.

MARIA

Hi, how's it going? Read for the game?

CALVIN

I think I'm more nervous than Lee is.

Maria laughs. Calvin offers her some popcorn and she takes some.

CALVIN (Cont.)

How are you doing?

MARIA

My youngest had me worried last night. My husband took Carla out to dinner to celebrate before the big day. I stayed home because Emma had been fussy and was finally sleeping. When Emma woke up, I took her temperature.

FLASHBACK

INTERIOR—MARIA'S LIVING ROOM—EVENING

Maria's child is sitting on the couch looking flushed. Maria takes the thermometer out from under her arm. It reads 101 degrees. She covers Emma with a blanket.

MARIA (Voice Over)

It was 101. I panicked because I didn't have the car, and when you call the doctor after hours it can be a long time before he gets back to you. I hate not knowing what to do so I decided to try and take care of it myself. Juan brought this book home from work for when the kids are sick.

Maria goes to the shelf and finds the book Take Care of Your Child. She returns to the couch with the book. Sitting next to Emma, she opens it up to the index, looks up fever and opens to page 269. We see the flow chart over her shoulder. We go to a close-up of the chart and follow along as Maria reads the questions.

MARIA (Voice Over Cont.)

I looked up fever and checked the chart. It Asked how old Emma was and how high her fever Was. It asked about seizures—thank God I didn't have to t deal with that! Next it asked how long the fever had been going on. All my answers told me I didn't need to go to the doctor and I could treat her at home. So, then I read the section on home treatment, and realized Emma could be fighting something off.

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MARIA (CONT.)

The book said to bring her some juice and let her go back to sleep. I checked on her a few times during the night, but I felt pretty sure I was doing the right thing. Then his morning she was her old self again.

CALVIN

Don't you live it when they keep you up all night? Still, you can't help but worry.

MARIA

Yeah, frankly, if I hadn't read the book, I might have taken her to the emergency room.

CALVIN

I can understand that. When you're a parent you want to do everything for your kids.

EXTERIOR—BALL FIELD—DAY

Lee has a hit.

EXTERIOR—STANDS—DAY

The crowd cheers.

CALVIN (Cont.)

Wow, did you see that? My boy got a hit.

INTERIOR—DR. WATTS OFFICE—DAY

Dr. Watts turns from a window.

DR. WATTS

If Maria had taken Emma to the emergency room, she would have frightened her child and increased her medical bills. Instead, she found she could provide appropriate care right in the comfort of her own home. Children don't always get sick at convenient times, and 50% of all emergency room visits are unnecessary. Having a book like Take Care of Your Child lets Parents know when they need to see a doctor and when they can provide home care. Parents who take the time to learn about their children's health not only know what to do in an emergency, but they learn how to prevent illness. By using the book, parents can help keep their children healthy. And healthy children have a lot more fun.