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2. Based on what you know, how does being in the house make Sammy feel?

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3. Based on what you know, how did Lisa do on her math test?

I can't wait for Dad to get home, but I know that even when he does, I will have to be patient. When he comes home, he takes his boots off outside. Then, he heads straight to the bathroom to change clothes and take a shower. After his shower, he carries his clothes to the washing machine, careful not to get any of the dirt on the floor. Now, it is time for us to play!

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He does something outdoors—getting dirty at work.

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6. Why does the child have to be patient?

He cannot play with dad until after dad's cleanup.
