

Getting Better

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INT. ELMO'S BEDROOM - DAY

Elmo is sitting at a play table in his room coloring with crayons on loose paper. He is in his own world humming the opening theme song. Elmo happens to look up and notices the audience.

ELMO

Hello everybody! I didn't see you there. I was just coloring a picture of me, my mommy, daddy and my adorable goldfish Dorothy.

Elmo grabs the top paper from his stack and shows off his drawing to the audience. Elmo is in the middle of the picture with his mom on the right and his dad on the left and Dorothy on the table behind them. They are all holding hands and smiling.

LOUIE(O.S)

Elmo it's time to get going for your appointment.

ELMO

Okay, Daddy. I'm going to clean up really quickly.

While talking to the audience. Elmo begins to put away his crayons back into the designated cup on the table.

ELMO

I have a doctors appointment today. I'm going in for a check up. This means I'm going to go see the doctor and she is going to make sure that I am healthy. Dr. Franklin is really nice and when I have a good visit, she lets me choose a lollipop from her jar. She is going to check my eyes, ears and heart to make sure I am growing into a big healthy monster. I also drew a picture to give to her to say thank you. It's a picture of me and Dr. Franklin.

Elmo grabs the next picture on the stack. The picture is of Dr. Franklin with a lollipop in her hand while she is smiling. Elmo is standing beside her with his arms open and smiling as well. Elmo continues to hum and finish cleaning. He exits his room with his pictures in hand.

CUT TO:

EXT. SESAME STREET - DAY

Insert Sesame Street title sequence.

CUT TO:

INT. ELMO'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

Elmo enters the living room where his dad, Louie, is sitting.
Elmo gives his dad the picture.

LOUIE

Oh, thank you Elmo. This is a really
nice picture of our family.

Louie gives Elmo a big hug.

LOUIE

Are you ready for your doctor's
appointment today?

ELMO

Yes. I even drew Dr. Franklin a
picture too.

Elmo shows Louie the picture he drew for Dr. Franklin.

LOUIE

My, son, you did a really nice job. I
like that you gave her a lollipop.

ELMO

I wanted Dr. Franklin to have one
because she always give them to all of
her patients.

LOUIE

I think she will really like that a
lot. Now, you remember what I told you
about your appointment today?

ELMO

I'm going in for a check up to make
sure I'm a healthy monster.

Elmo and Louie get ready to leave when Louie kneels to Elmo's
height to talk to him.

LOUIE

Now Elmo, today at the Doctor's office you aren't just going for a check up. You have to get a shot to 'keep' you a healthy monster.

ELMO

But daddy, I don't need a shot to keep me healthy. I'm already a healthy monster.

LOUIE

Well Elmo, you are healthy right now but if you get your shots, that means you are more likely to stay healthy longer and when it is flu season, all those bad germs stay away from you because you had your shots.

ELMO

But I've never needed to get a shot before?

LOUIE

Actually, Elmo when you were a little baby you got shots to make sure you didn't get sick.

FLASHBACK TO:

INT. DOCTORS OFFICE - DAY

Elmo as a baby is in his dad's Arms with a band-aid on his leg. He is smiling and kicking his little feet. Dr. Franklin hands Elmo a lollipop.

BABY ELMO

Tanks Dr. Franklin.

Elmo sticks the lollipop in his mouth.

BABY ELMO

Mmmmmm, grape.

END FLASHBACK:

INT. ELMO'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

LOUIE

But because you are getting bigger
that means it's now time for your
shots again. But shots are very
normal. Mommy and Daddy have to get
shots at the doctor too.

Louie hugs Elmo. Elmo anxiously fiddles with his hands.

LOUIE

It's okay son. I will be there with
you while you get your shot. And you
can hold my hand if you like.

Elmo nods his head. Louie grabs the door handle and opens the
front door. Elmo and Louie walk hand in hand out the door.

EXT. SESAME STREET - DAY

Big Bird is riding down the street with his skates on. He is
greeting others who are on the street. Big Bird sees Oscar
the grouch interacting with Slimey the worm. They are playing
a game of chess on a recycling can lid next to Oscar's. Big
Bird skates by his can.

BIG BIRD

(Loudly)

Hi, Oscar. Hi, Slimy. What are you
guys playing?

Slimey moves over the queen piece.

SLIMEY

(Gibberish)

Check mate.

Oscar groans and looks over to Big Bird who is skating
circles in front of Oscar.

OSCAR

Your too loud Big Bird. Can't you see
Slimy and I are playing grouch chess.
That means we need silence to
concentrate. Now scram.

Big Bird shrugs to the camera.

BIG BIRD

Sorry Oscar. Bye Oscar and bye Slimey.