

What's the Story?

Physical Abuse Scenario: Boy

One day _____ (boy's name 1) was walking to school. A cool breeze was blowing and the sun was shining above. _____ (boy's name 1) was looking forward to playing with his friends later that day. He thought that it would be a good day even though there would be a lot of work to do in class. Everything seemed to go really well until _____ (boy's name 1) got his report card from his teacher. Even though he thought he tried really hard, it turned out that _____ (boy's name 1) had gotten an "F" in math. All of a sudden he felt _____ (negative feeling 1) and _____ (negative feeling 2). In the past his dad had threatened to beat him with a belt if he ever brought home a bad grade. He often told him that if he ever did, he was going to _____ (physical abuse action 1) him. Walking home from school, the sky seemed dark and cloudy. _____ (boy's name 1) felt _____ (negative feeling 3) and thought that his dad was going to _____ (physical abuse action 2) him. When he got home, he went to his bedroom immediately and _____ (neutral action word 1). He didn't come downstairs until dinner. After dinner, his dad came home from work and wanted to see his report card. At first, _____ (boy's name 1) didn't want to show him, but his dad said that he had to. When he showed the report card to his dad, his dad looked angry and said that he's "going to get a _____ (physical abuse action 3)." Then he took off his belt and _____ (physical abuse action 3) him. _____ (boy's name 1) felt really _____ (negative feeling 4) and _____ (negative feeling 5). After this happened, _____ (boy's name 1)'s dad left bruises and marks all over his back and legs. The next day, his teacher saw him looking _____ (negative feeling 6). She talked to _____ (boy's name 1) and asked him what was wrong. At first, he didn't know what to do, but decided to tell his teacher about what happened. His teacher told him that she was glad he told and was going to make sure that _____ (boy's name 1) stayed safe. _____ (boy's name 1) felt _____ (positive feeling 1) and _____ (positive feeling 2) because he told. After he told, _____ (boy's name 1) received a visit from a nice social worker named _____ (woman's name 1). She told _____ (boy's name 1) that she is going to get him and his father the help that they need. _____ (boy's name 1) went to therapy like you and learned that it was not his fault and he learned ways to stay safe. _____ (boy's name 1)'s dad also got the help that he needed, and they were a happy family again.