

## Paul

The same Laundromat. Paul, who has just turned three, stands with his mother as she loads the dryer with wet clothes.

1. *Mother:* Hold the door for me, will you?
2. *Paul:* (holds the dryer door open) Oooh—it's warm.
3. *Mother:* Too hot to hold?
4. *Paul:* Not too hot on this part.
5. *Mother:* (dumps the clothes into the dryer) Empty all the wet clothes inside.
6. *Paul:* That's a lot, isn't it?
7. *Paul:* We have to put money in, right?
8. *Mother:* Four quarters, I think.
9. *Mother:* Can you reach that high to put them in?
10. *Paul:* I've put one in.
11. *Paul:* It's going around fast now.
12. *Paul:* If I put in more will it go faster?
13. *Mother:* Not faster, it will spin longer.
14. *Paul:* How longer?
15. *Mother:* We will have to wait longer for it to stop.
16. *Paul:* Why does it go around?
17. *Mother:* Well, the clothes are tumbling and the water runs out the holes.
18. *Paul:* I can't see any holes.
19. *Mother:* Look up at the top.
20. *Mother:* When the clothes fall down you can just see them.
21. *Paul:* I can just see them!
22. *Paul:* And the water goes out through them?
23. *Mother:* Well, some of it does, I think.
24. *Mother:* But it gets hot, too.
25. *Mother:* Feel the door.
26. *Paul:* It's hot.
27. *Paul:* Does that make them dry?
28. *Mother:* You know what happens when we put wet things in front of the fire.
29. *Paul:* My coat went all steaming, didn't it?
30. *Mother:* You did get all wet that time.
31. *Mother:* And that's how the clothes get dry in the dryer, too.
32. *Mother:* Now we have to find somewhere to sit and wait.
33. *Paul:* (runs off down the Laundromat)
34. *Mother:* I think you might be in the way down there.
35. *Paul:* (chooses a magazine and brings it to his mother)