

Reading 2 — Getting Scalded

Ben wants to drink a cup of hot chocolate. His mother is busy. He decides to make it himself. He scoops some cocoa powder into a cup. Then he climbs onto a stool to take the kettle from the stove.

The kettle is hot and heavy. Ben tries to take it down. He slips and hot water splashes all over his arms and legs. Ben starts to cry. His mother hears him and rushes to the kitchen. She quickly takes him to the room and puts some cream on him. She tells Ben that it is fortunate that there is not much water in the kettle. Also, it has been left there for quite some time so it is not too hot.

Ben's mother warns him never to touch the kettle again. Ben promises to ask for help the next time he wants a hot drink.