

Transcript: Cry Daddy

Text on screen: Wide World of Math.

On screen: A male and female announcer sit side-by-side at a desk. At the bottom of the screen, a ticker tape appears with a list of numbers.

Phil: Math madness has taken over California as families around the state are finding that math is truly everywhere.

Angie: That's right, Phil. Parents from Eureka to Escondido are joining the movement. But the journey to math mastery isn't always easy.

Phil: It sure is not, Ange. So today, we're profiling one young dad who's come a long way. Meet Chet Kingston.

On screen: Chet's picture appears. He is clearly distressed. His baby is in a carrier on his chest.

Chet: [CRYING] How? Math? How am I supposed to teach him math when I wasn't good at it when I was a kid?

On screen: Chet covers the baby's ears as he confesses.

Chet: Huh? Tell me. [CRYING]

Phil: That was Chet then. But today, we have him live for an update.

Chet: Hey, Phil. Hey, Angie.

Angie: Chet, we understand you had a breakthrough and began to open your eyes to the world of math around you.

On screen: Chet is now visible in a picture-in-picture alongside the announcers.

Angie: What happened?

Chet: Well, Angie, I literally opened my eyes to the world of math around me. I mean, it's at home, in the car, on the playground, at the beach.

Angie: Wow, what an insp—



Chet: You can count breakfast cereal at breakfast. You can fill buckets of sand at the sandbox. You can point out shapes on the street. It's everywhere.

Phil: I mean, there's no end—

Chet: It's at the grocery store

Phil: —to math opportunity.

Chet: It's in the garden. It's at grandpa's, at Uncle Ned's. I mean, come on.

On screen: The announcers wait for Chet to finish talking.

Phil: I think he stopped.

Angie: Ok. Chet became a true inspiration. And now, he's coaching other parents.

Chet: I am.

Phil: So Chet, what's the most satisfying part of your job?

Chet: It's watching parents turn their little ones into little mathletes.

Phil: What's a mathlete?

Chet: It means you've conquered your fear of fractions, your addition anxiety, your subtraction stress. I am a mathlete. [LAUGHS]

On screen: Chet flexes his arms.

Angie: Chet's message to the parents, don't pass on your fear of math to your child.

Chet: Are you guys mathletes, huh?

Phil: I'm a mathlete.

On screen: Chet flexes his arms again. The others follow.

Phil: Come on, you.

Phil and Angie: I'm a mathlete.

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