The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 2, Episode 3: There’s a Twenty Percent Chance.

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| 00:00 | Narrator | There’s a twenty percent chance. |
| 00:02 |  | [music] |
| 00:10 | Narrator | [over music] It’s time now for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse. Gum Springs, Arkansas. |
| 00:23 |  | [Music ends, then repeats] |
| 00:34 | Sam | “A twenty percent chance of rain.” I-i-it says here in the paper. |
| 00:36 | Leon | W-what’s that mean, Sam? |
| 00:40 | Sam | Well, it means you got a twenty percent chance of getting’ wet, Leon. |
| 00:43 | Leon | Ya’ mean if it rains? |
| 00:44 | Jesse | No, Leon! It means that there’s a twenty percent chance of rain. |
| 00:48 | Leon | That’s what I said. |
| 00:49 | Sam | Where? |
| 00:50 | Leon | Everywhere, Leon. |
| 00:51 | Jesse | No, Sam. It mean- it’s only gonna rain in twenty percent of the place. |
| 00:55 | Leon | W-where, Mr. Jesse? |
| 00:56 | Sam | [Wait a minute?] [muffled] Now they can’t say where, Leon, but um let’s see now. Hundred minus uh-uh twenty, take down your nine, borrow the one. In eighty percent of this area, it ain’t gonna rain. N-now that clear it up a lot, Leon.  |
| 01:12 | Leon | Huh? |
| 01:12 | Jesse | Sam, you can’t explain that to Leon that-a way. |
| 01:15 | Sam | I can’t? |
| 01:15 | Jesse | Now, Leon listen. This simply means if you was to cross Arkansas tonight, it would be raining on ya’ twenty percent of the time. |
| 01:24 | Leon | Well, how would I do that Mr. Jesse? I ain’t got no car. |
| 01:27 | Jesse | Leon, I was just givin’ an example. |
| 01:29 | Sam | If ya’ had a car you’d have to have a convertible to get rained on twenty percent of the time, a-and- |
| 01:33 | Jesse | Sam! – I just - |
| 01:34 | Sam | They quit making them two years ago. |
| 01:36 | Leon | Well, that’s the dumbest thing I ever heard of. |
| 01:38 | Jesse | Leon, it’s- |
| 01:39 | Sam | It was that last course he took up at the college, Leon. I warned him them courses would change him. Make him, you know, not as useful. |
| 01:47 |  | [music] |
| 01:57 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 02:07 | Jesse | [overlap] Well, I’m glad we don’t have to go through that weather nonsense again. |
| 02:10 | Sam | Well, it seems simple to me. |
| 02:12 | Leon | Well, I never did understand that. |
| 02:13 | Sam | Well, well, now Leon, let me explain that one more time. You see- |
| 02:16 | Jesse | Sam, now, Sam! Don’t start that up again. |
| 02:19 | Sam | W-well, Leon, first [door slams] you get a raincoat a-and then, uh- |
| 02:23 | Mr. Buddy | Hey, say Jesse, have you got change for a quarter? |
| 02:25 | Jesse | Oh, hi there, Mr.Buddy! Well, I think so. Let me see over here. |
| 02:29 | Mr. Buddy | You get any rain today? |
| 02:30 | Jesse | No sir, not a drop. |
| 02:31 | Mr. Buddy | Well, I just heard on the radio that there’s a thirty percent chance of rain. |
| 02:34 | Sam | Thirty percent! |
| 02:35 | Mr. Buddy | Yep! That’s what I heard. |
| 02:37 | Sam | Well, Leon, tha-that changes the whole thing. Now, now, let me think. [overlap] |
| 02:39 |  | [music] |