

# I Wish I Was A Tap

I know it seems rather a strange thing to want to be, but I am worried about the future, and what will happen when the water runs out? Every time I see those people in far-off lands walking for miles to collect a bucket of water, or even a pan full in the blazing sun, and how careful they are not to spill a drop, I wish I was a tap, and all the water I could save in just one week would help others in the future. Sometime in the future we may be able to give water to everyone, and then the children in far-off lands could go to school and do homework without having to carry water home.

If I was a tap I would only give out a certain amount of water each time I was turned on, for instance when you brush your teeth you only need a trickle, and then another trickle, not a great big whoosh! When you need a bath, you really only need a small amount to cover your legs it doesn't need to come right past your shoulders does it? When you wash the dishes for mum, well sometimes you do, you really only need enough to cover the plates, and rinse the soap off. And do you have to leave the towels on the floor where they all get dirty and end up in the washing basket again?

If I was a tap I would turn myself off after certain hours and take a rest. Where do you think all this water comes from anyway? If it doesn't rain there will be no water in the reservoirs, they will run low, and then become dry and then we may have to go and find water after school, imagine that!

If I was a tap I would be very strict and I would give points for the people who used the least amount of water like reward points at the supermarket. Every time the bill came

in, the family could be rewarded, even a competition to find the best water saving family in the country. All the water saved could build a well in a foreign land, a new tap in a village, or even some showers and toilets. Imagine what a difference you could make if you were a tap.

If you were a tap where would you start, with your mum or dad and the car? Look how much water it takes to clean the car. Is it really necessary to wash that car every Saturday, why not every other Saturday ask them? What about the washing, what a lot of water to wash a few clothes, are they really that dirty? What about the garden and that hosepipe on for hours? If you were a tap how long would you give that hosepipe, after all, it might rain tomorrow. And what about that dishwasher, is it full? Can you get another few dishes inside? Check it out and be vigilant. Sometimes these grown-ups can become sloppy and forget about water.

What about water? If you were a tap I bet you would be very strict. Think about it the next time you turn me on, I might not be here for ever you know, and then what will happen. Every time you save a bit of water you are helping the planet, and not just for you now but for people who come after you. Children who aren't even born yet, they will need water, and what will they say, if there's none left, "those greedy people have used all the water and didn't leave any for us". So let's all think about the Tap and give him a rest now and again, I'm sure we can all make a difference.

Of course that's no excuse for not washing your face today!

