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Call the Midwife Season 01 Episode 07

Title: "Finding Calm in the Storm"

Theme: Unity

Logline: As Chummy stumbles through her first Christmas with Peter a looming blizzard threatens the life of a young boy as his mother gives birth.

Storyline

1: A blizzard that threatens the community.

A blizzard moves into London on Christmas Eve threatening family celebrations and possibly the safety of members of the community. Travel becomes dangerous as the electricity begins to flicker making meal preparation difficult. We see the city become covered in snow and unrecognizable. The night is cold and dark; everyone is affected by this storm. Eventually all hope is lost for a joyous night. The neighborhood is then asked to ban together to help find a lost child. The storm finally calms and we see the sky clear.

Storyline

2: Chummy & Peter's first Christmas.

Chummy nervously navigates her first Christmas dinner with her new husband and his family. She wishes to make a meal for her new family because they have brought her so much joy, but she has never really cooked and the storm is interfering with the family celebration. Between her lack of experience and the power going out Chummy has everything from frozen dishes to burned disasters. She attempts to conceal the difficulty she is having, as Peter's mother offers to assist. With a little smile on her face, Peter's mother tells Chummy about her first time cooking for the family. The two get a good laugh out of the similarities and bond as a family. They are then interrupted by Peter's call to assist with the search for a missing child. Chummy jumps into action, but is given a better suggestion of unifying the community by setting up a check point at the clinic and sharing the edible parts of their feast.

Storyline

3: The search for a lost boy as his mother gives birth.

Jenny and Trixie are called to assist with a birth in as a blizzard approaches the city. The labor is a difficult and taking longer than expected when the family notices the mother's 5 year old son is missing. In the midst of the chaos the boy chases after his cat out into the storm and by the time he catches her, he has become disoriented in the snow and cannot find his way home. He seeks shelter in an abandoned building that was damaged in the war. The family begins to panic looking for the young boy trying not to alert the mother during her difficult labor. Trixie finds the nearest phone and calls for assistance uniting the community in search for the boy. She pulls all of her resources from The Nonnatus House and Police to her friends at the dance hall. The community bonds together in search for the boy

bringing together their Christmas meals as they work together. Trixie leads the search finally finding the boy shivering. She rushes him home as the storm begins to break. Upon entering the boy's home the sound of a baby is heard from upstairs. The family is overjoyed for his return and the birth of his little sister. The community celebrates the child's safe return and the calm that is settling over the East End as the storm passes. What was a dark and cold night is now lit with smiles and caroling.

How do all three stories relate to the

Theme:

The residences of the East End live a tough life with many struggles. The biggest Christmas wish most have is for a nice meal with family around a toasty fire. Their simplest of pleasures are threatened by an impending storm. The power is out across the city and the snow is piling up making travel difficult. These worries are made worse when the community is called into action to find a lost child. The community unites despite their own hardship to ensure the safety of a child. With the help of the neighborhood the boy is found and Holiday joy is found in the company of friends.

Backstories:

Chummy has grown as a strong person through her life by traversing difficulties alone. She has taken most every situation as learning and growing experience. She has now come to a new chapter in her life where she has a family and a new husband to help her face problems. Chummy now learns to accept assistance from a loving family.

Trixie has always been a think on her feet person. She always figures out the best way to solve the problem at hand. This time the problem is bigger than she can handle alone. She utilizes her resources and leads the search with her community to save a young boy's life. She is not only a problem solver, but has become a leader of her peers.

Jenny uses her skill and calming nature to reassure a mother in labor, while the community searches for her lost son. She has always been a caregiver, but must rise to the occasion in order to the safety of her patient during what has become life or death situation. Not only is the child at risk, but labor has been difficult and with added stress the baby and mother could be in danger. Jenny uses her heart and her head to ease the situation and deliver the new born. She now is not only a nurse, but an example of compassion and love for her patients.