(Music and sound of space shuttle liftoff)

Elmo: Mr. Leland?

Astronaut Leland Melvin: Yes, Mr. Elmo?

Elmo: Do you have to stay clean in space?

Melvin: You have to stay clean. You don't want to be funky in space. Right, Elmo?

Elmo: Well, Oscar would be funky in space. He would. He would like that.

How do you take a bath in space?

Melvin: Well, in space, you don't have a bathtub. You don't have a shower.

Elmo: No?

Melvin: So, you must take sponge baths.

Elmo: Sponge baths?

Melvin: Yeah. Like this little thing right here. This is a towel.

Look at that.

Elmo: That's not a towel.
Melvin: Well, it is.

Elmo: Well, how can it be?

Melvin: Just add water. Watch. Oops. Look, it's growing. Ut, oh. Look at that.

Elmo: Look at that.

Melvin: It's growing. It's like a Chia Pet.

Elmo: But that still doesn't look like a washcloth.

Melvin: And then you unroll it, like that. And then you pull it apart. And you can actually take a shower with it, a bath with it. (Laughter)

Melvin: So, you wash your face.

Elmo: Really?

Melvin: Wash your underarms. (Laughter)

Melvin: Wash your chest. Wash your neck. Wash your head.

Elmo: Well, Mr. Leland, how do you brush your teeth?

Melvin: Brushing your teeth in space?
Elmo: Yeah?

Melvin: Very careful. So, same toothbrush, same toothpaste.

Put it on, brush, brush, brush, brush. But instead of spitting it out,
you don't have a sink to spit it out in.

Elmo: So, what do you do?

Melvin: So, you take a washcloth and you go. You spit in there and then you fold it up.

Elmo: Mr. Leland?

Melvin: Yes?

Elmo: That's disgusting.

Melvin: I know. But it's space.

Elmo: That's the way you have to do it, Elmo.

Melvin: That's the way you have to do it, Elmo.

Elmo: Well, Elmo loves brushing his teeth. But Elmo definitely loves spitting it out.

Melvin: You don't like spitting it out?
Elmo: Elmo loves spitting it out.

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Melvin: Oh, you would like to spit it out?

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Elmo: Yes, it's very important.

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Melvin: Well, here you go. Ready?

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Elmo: No, no, no. (Laughter)

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Elmo: Mr. Leland, thank you for teaching Elmo about how you keep clean in space.

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Melvin: You're welcome, Elmo. Thanks for coming.

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Elmo: Thank you. (Laughter)