



America is Amazing

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On a scorching summer day on the Fourth of July, Mateo was at school. He had to make a presentation about freedom and what that day was about.

"Class, today is the Fourth of July!" announced Ms. Williams.

"Yes," said Jacob. "Everyone knows what the Fourth of July is all about."

Everyone except Mateo.

After school, Mateo and his family were celebrating outside on the driveway. After watching some fireworks, it was time to take a break to go inside to eat. At dinner, Mateo's family was talking about freedom, how our country is special, and having other adult conversations.



When dinner was done, Mateo and his mom were cleaning up. Mateo was confused with all this stuff about America and what the adults were talking about.

"Mom," asked Mateo quietly of embarrassment.

"Yes?" Replied his mom.

Mateo stopped in his place, but he couldn't say anything. He started fidgeting with the fork he was holding.

His mom once again said "Yes?" This time in confusion.

Mateo looked around then finally he said, "What's Independence Day?" Mateo questioned. "What

and why do we celebrate today? What's it about and what are the things you said at dinner? I have so many questions."



"Here," said his mom. "Take a seat. Today is Independence Day! It's the day our country became free."

"Wow, that's a big day," said Mateo.

"Yes, it is. We celebrate because George Washington and lots of others signed a paper saying we were free and our own country."

"Woah!" said Mateo. "Freedom over our own country. How did a paper call us a country? Was there a war to be free?"

"Yes, there was a war between the British and Americans. there were big events, like taxes got higher and we were losing till we won freedom!" Mateo's mom said excitedly.

"That sounds awesome," said Mateo.

"It was hard, but we did it," replied Mateo's mom.

"Now mom, just a few more questions. How is our country special? What are some events in the war?"



"The war had amazing events like the Boston Tea

Party about taxes on tea and how they fought.”

“Nice!” Said Mateo.

“People gave their lives for us to be free. Our country is incredibly special! It is also special because we get to pick where we go. Other countries don’t have as much freedom as us and I’m glad I’m American!”

“Me too.” said Mateo.

Mateo and his mom finished cleaning then went back to fireworks. “I’m so glad to be AMERICAN!” said Mateo.

When it was time for bed, Mateo said, “So now I can make my presentation and I know!”

“I’m glad I could help teach you.”



After getting in bed and tucking in Mateo told his mom, “America means a lot to me because people gave themselves to be free and I get to say no.”

“Me too,” said Mateo’s mom.

“Good night mom.”

“Good night, Mateo.”

