

# A Day at the Amusement Park

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Robert and his friend, Mike, were headed to the amusement park for the day. It had been Mike's birthday, and his mom promised him a day at the amusement park with a friend. The boys were so excited to try the whirl around ride. Then, it would be the rollercoaster. Mike talked his mom into going on the rollercoaster too, but she was so scared all she did was scream! The Ferris wheel had always been Robert's favorite. He liked to be high up. He especially liked it when the seat came to a stop at the top and rocked back and forth.



The boys were hungry so Mike's mom gave them tickets to get cotton candy, hotdogs, and some popcorn. While getting the food, Mike saw a boy about his age standing at the whirl around ride. He just stood there and stared. "That boy was standing at the whirl around ride when we were on it," said Mike. "I wonder why he doesn't go on the ride?" asked Robert. "Maybe he's scared." The boy was by himself and looked poor. His shirt and jeans were torn and dirty. Even his hair was messy. After the boys finished their food, they walked over to Mike's mom and told her about the boy. "Can we do something to help him?" asked Mike. "What do you want to do?" his mom asked. "Let's give him the extra tickets we have, and we can give him a ticket for a hotdog." Mike and Robert went over to the boy and said they had some extra tickets, and he could have them. The boy gave them the biggest smile and said, "Thanks that would be great!" "We have some extra food tickets too." "Wow, I would really like a hotdog," said the boy. He said his name was Chris and that he comes to the amusement park often, but he doesn't have the money to go on the rides. "I just watch everyone else and wish I could go on all the rides." Mike's mom came over and told the boys it was getting late. "This is Chris," said Mike to his mom. "It's nice to meet you Chris." "Well boys, we need to head home." "It's been a long day." They said goodbye to Chris and left. Mike's mom told the boys what they did for Chris was very special. "You both brightened a boy's day that is less fortunate than you." "I'm proud of you both."

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  - B. The rollercoaster
  - C. The whirl around
  - D. The bumper cars
2. How would you describe Mike's mom on the rollercoaster?
  - A. Happy
  - B. Scared
  - C. Sleepy
  - D. Sad
3. What food did the boys eat?
  - A. Hotdogs and ice cream
  - B. Cotton candy, hotdogs, and popcorn
  - C. Hamburgers, popcorn, and peanuts
  - D. None of the above
4. Who was the boy Mike and Robert met?
  - A. Joey
  - B. Garrett
  - C. Kevin
  - D. Chris
5. Why do you think Mike and Robert helped the boy?
  - A. They felt sorry for him.
  - B. They knew him from school.
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## A Trip to the Eye Doctor – Answer Key

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