



Now that you and your child have read the story, enjoy one or more of the following activities. Remember, it's also OK to read the story again and again!

Celebrating Patriotic Holidays

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Activities

- With your child, make a book of patriotic holidays. Help him or her cut out pictures from magazines that show activities for the different holidays. Paste them on bond or construction paper and label each holiday. Staple the papers together with a blank sheet on top. Write "Patriotic Holidays" on the blank sheet for a title.
- During Independence Day, people have parades and picnics. Ask your child to list food and/or things that your family might need when you go on a picnic.
- Make an Uncle Sam hat. Draw a circle on a cardboard box (the size of a cereal box). Draw another circle inside the first circle leaving two-inches of space between the two circles. Draw a square inside the smaller circle, making sure the four points of it touch the circle. Cut out three sides of the square and raise the square on the uncut side to form the top of the hat. Trim the excess paper from where the square was cut out (inside the inner circle), leaving the last uncut side alone, to form the inside brim of the hat. Trim around the outside, larger circle to form the outside brim. Decorate the hat with stars, stripes, and the colors of the American flag.

Read More About It!

If you and your child enjoyed this book, look for these related titles at your local library or bookstore: *Henry's Fourth of July* by Holly Keller, *Fourth of July* by Barbara M. Joosse, *Hurray for the Fourth of July* by Wendy Watson, *This Land Is Your Land* by Woody Guthrie, and *The Story of America's Birthday* by Patricia Pingry.



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