

## Sara's Surprise Party

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Saturday was going to be a special day for Sara. It was her birthday. No one had mentioned her birthday so far, and it was already Wednesday. *I bet no one remembers it's my birthday Sara thought to herself.*

Sara went to school and told her friend, Jenny, that Saturday was her birthday. "I know," said Jenny. "Lynn told all the girls about your birthday." "Wow, I didn't realize everyone knew," said Sara.

Saturday finally came and Sara rushed downstairs. "Good Morning," said mom. "Hi," said Sara. Sara looked around, but didn't see anything that would let her know that anyone was going to make a fuss about her birthday. "What are you doing today?" asked mom. "I guess just hang around the house," said Sara



feeling a bit sad. She didn't want to tell mom it was her birthday. "Why don't you come with me to the Recreation Center?" mom asked. "What will I do there?" asked Sara. Mom said they needed help with a community project.

That afternoon Sara and her mom went to the Recreation Center. When they opened the door, people yelled, "SURPRISE!" Sara couldn't believe it. There were friends from school and her family. She saw Uncle Rick, Aunt Claire, and many cousins along with Grandma Joan. White, blue, and yellow balloons hung from the ceiling with a huge banner saying, Happy Birthday Sara! There was a big cake sitting on the table along with many pretty presents wrapped in special birthday paper.

A clown came to entertain the guests along with a small band that played the songs Sara and her friends like to dance to. Sara was called to cut the first piece of her birthday cake. She felt so special. "This is the best birthday I've ever had!" said Sara. "Thank you to everyone."

Her friend said to her, "How could you ever think we would forget your birthday?" "We had this planned for one month." Sara felt so happy and thankful for her family and friends. She got up in front of everyone and said, "Thank you all for such a special birthday."

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