

A Day at the Beach

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It was early summer, and the weather was really hot. Tyler's mom had told him that on Saturday they would be going to the beach. Tyler was excited. He couldn't wait to practice his swimming skills he learned at the local pool during the spring. Dad had to work, so he was not going to be able to go along.

The drive to the beach was only an hour, but to Tyler it seemed forever. Mom said they would spend the day swimming, and the big treat of eating dinner in a restaurant would end their busy day.

They finally arrived at the beach. Tyler helped his mom unload the beach blankets, his sand toys, and some snacks. "The waves look really high!" Tyler said to his Mom. Mom found a good spot on the sand that was close to the water and put the blankets down and set up some chairs. Sitting close by them was a boy about Tyler's age. He came over and said his name was Gary and asked Tyler if he wanted to build a sand castle with him. "Sure," said Tyler. His mom began talking to Tyler's mom about school, work, and things moms usually talk about.

The boys built a great sand castle. They decided to head for the water. "Be careful," shouted Gary's mother. "We will," Gary shouted back. The boys were running in and out of the water and jumping through the waves laughing. They were having a great time. Suddenly, they ran to jump in a big wave, but Tyler couldn't find Gary. Tyler looked around and finally saw him waving his hands yelling for help. Tyler sprang into action and remembered the lifesaving skills he learned during his swimming class at the local pool. *I've got to get to Gary,* thought Tyler. Tyler swam to where Gary was and put his arm around him and told him to hold on tight. Just then the lifeguard spotted them. He rushed to the water and took over. He was able to get Gary from Tyler and bring him safely back to shore. Gary's Mom was so scared, but she realized if it hadn't been for Tyler's quick action, Gary may have drowned.

Gary and his mom thanked Tyler for his fast thinking and great swimming skills. That night Gary's mom invited Tyler and his mom to go to dinner with them. "It's my thank you treat," said Gary's mom. Not only did the boys become friends, but their moms did as well!



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