

Pastries

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Jacob was at a bake sale with his grandmother. They were walking around and trying many things, because many of the sellers had samples out. This was pretty fun for Jacob, because he liked desserts.

He tried some cookies, some dessert bars, and even a piece of pie. Everything was great. His grandma bought some lemon bars, because she wanted to take them home to grandpa. They also got some rice krispies treats that had chocolate chips in them.



They were about to leave, when Jacob saw something interesting. He always liked flaky pastry crust, and this one lady was selling one with bright red jam in them. He tried a sample as the old lady smiled at him.

“Do you like it?” She asked.

He nodded with his mouth full. When he swallowed, he frowned, because he did not recognize the flavor, even though it was good.

“It’s a pastry, but do you know what’s in it?”

He shook his head. “No, what’s in it?”

The lady smiled and said, “Guess.”

“Strawberry jam?”

She shook her head. “That was a good guess, but no.”

Jacob looked around for a sign, but couldn’t read the language: *‘pasteles de guayaba.’*

“Try another guess.” The lady suggested.

“Raspberries, without the seeds?”

She chuckled and shook her head. “Sorry. One more guess!”

Jacob tried to think of some fruit that was red, sweet, and didn’t have many seeds.

“I don’t know. Is it some sort of mixed fruit or cherries?”

“No, and no! It’s Guava. It’s a guava pastry.” She wrapped one up in a napkin and handed it over. “Have one for free.”

Jacob’s eyes widened and he took the pastry. “Thank you so much!”

“No problem. Share it with your grandmother, though.”

He nodded. “I will. I’ve never had guava before, except in juice. It’s so good.”

The old lady nodded and waved as he left to go share with his grandmother.

“Now you have.”



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