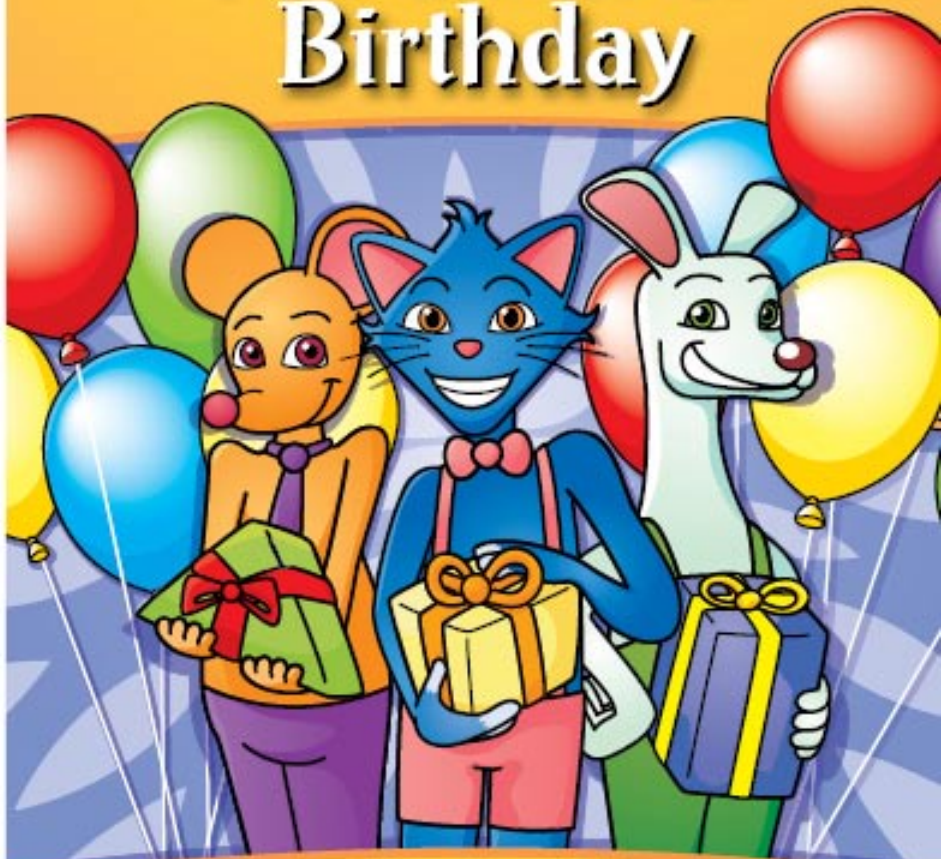


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To Ryan, our little adventurer!

From your family who loves you



October 25 is the most fantastic day of the year. It is the birthday of an amazing boy named Ryan.





On this marvellous morning, Ryan wakes up early. He is very excited to start the day. He sits up in bed and says, "I wonder what wonderful wonders will happen today?"

"Good morning birthday boy!" says his mommy Crystal. "Today is going to be a great day. Why don't you get dressed and eat breakfast?"

Ryan jumps out of bed. He puts on his favourite clothes and hurries to the kitchen.



Ding! Dong! Ryan flings open the door. "Happy birthday," shout a cat, a mouse and a kangaroo. "Hi!" he says. "What great costumes!"

"How are you?"
asks Martin, the kangaroo.

"Thanks for inviting us to your house,"
says Samuel, the mouse.

"Should we wipe our feet on the mat?"
asks Hannah, the cat.

"Come in," says the birthday boy. "I'm so happy you're here!" Ryan is eager to unwrap his presents. "Not yet," says his mommy. "We have to wait until everyone else gets here."



Finally the rest of his family arrives. Now everyone is there including his brother Vincent, his sister Audrey, his aunt Evelyn and his uncle Jeffery. They all sing songs, tell funny stories and play hide-and-seek. When Ryan wins, everyone is happy for him. Birthdays are so much fun!

At last! It's present time, the best part of any birthday party! Ryan smiles for the camera as he opens all kinds of presents – big presents, small presents, fun presents and, well, not-so-fun presents. He makes sure to say thank you as he opens each one.

Before he opens the last gift, he tries to guess what it is. It is flat and rectangular and it is not very heavy. "I bet this is a book," he says.



He tears open the wrapping. "I guessed right!" he shouts. "But I already have so many books." His mommy says, "Look, this book is special." Ryan opens the book and reads: October 25 is the most fantastic day of the year. It is the birthday of an amazing boy named Ryan.

The book is about a brown-haired brown-eyed boy named Ryan who is reading a book about a brown-haired brown-eyed boy named Ryan who is reading a book... Wow!





Suddenly, the lights go out. Ryan gasps. His daddy Nathan comes into the room carrying a great big cake lit up with candles. He puts the cake on the table in front of Ryan. Everyone sings "Happy Birthday."



"Go ahead. Make a wish," says his daddy.
Ryan takes a deep breath, makes a wish and
blows out the candles. The lights come on again.

"What did you wish for?"
asks Martin.

"Don't tell! Don't tell!"
yells Samuel.

"If you do, it won't come true,"
says Hannah.

Ryan does not tell anyone.

Ryan cuts the cake with some help from his daddy. Everybody gets a piece. Ryan gets an extra big piece. Yum! After every last crumb is gone, the guests get ready to leave. Ryan is sad.

"Why in a slump?"
asks Martin with a thump.

"Why the frown now?"
asks Hannah with a meow.

"Wipe that tear from your cheek,"
says Samuel with a squeak.

Ryan says, "We've played games and opened presents. We've sung songs and eaten cake. Is it already over?"





"They'll be back to see you soon," says his daddy. "And you'll have another birthday next year."

"Next time I'll dress up as a reptile," says Hannah with a smile.

"I'll dress up as a penguin," says Martin with a grin.

"And I'll be a giraffe," says Samuel with a laugh.

Ryan smiles as the guests leave. "Goodbye, goodbye!" he shouts. "Thank you for a fantastic birthday!"



Later, his mommy tucks him into bed and wishes him a happy birthday one last time. "Please read me a story?" asks Ryan. His mommy takes out his special book and reads him the story about an amazing boy named Ryan.

His mommy tiptoes out the door as the young boy dreams about his friends: the cat, the mouse and the kangaroo.

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