



## What does the flag mean to you?

Although many kids say the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of the day, they sometimes don't show sincerity while doing it because they don't fully understand what the flag means to America. *I'm Your Flag, So Please Treat Me Right!* is a story told by the American flag. It explains through the eyes of our flag what the red, white, and blue stand for, and what the flag means to all Americans.

*I stand for freedom when I wave in the air,  
so proud of my stars and stripes.*

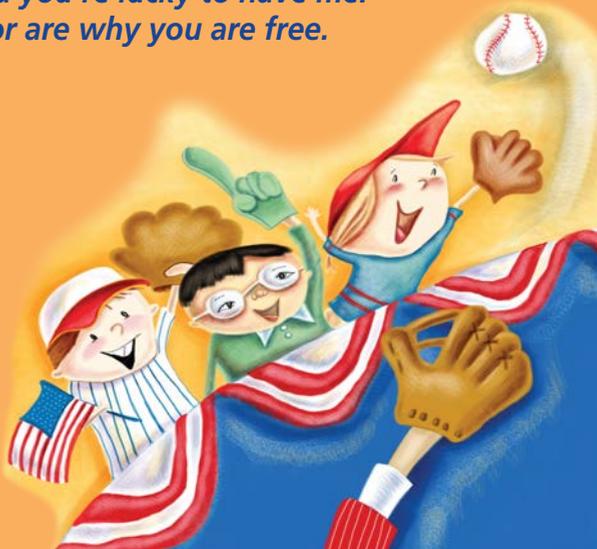
*Whenever you see me, please show that you care.  
I'm your flag, so please treat me right!*

*I'm lucky to have you and you're lucky to have me.  
The things that I stand for are why you are free.*

*Be proud when you see  
my red, white, and blue.*

*When I wave in the air...  
I'm waving for YOU!*

This delightful, historical, and colorful story will help people of all ages better understand the value of our beautiful flag.



*"I'm Your Flag So Please Treat Me Right!" is a fitting tribute to our national banner, and a great resource for young Americans."*

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