

What's in the Gift from Jackson's Aunt?

Jackson is eight years old today! His Aunt Rhoda arrives for dinner with a birthday gift wrapped in striped paper with a blue bow. The gift wrap keeps Jackson from knowing for sure what's inside; he's hoping for a truck. Jackson may open his gifts after dinner. What's in this gift?



The only person who knows for sure what is in Jackson's gift is his Aunt Rhoda. She bought the gift, and choosing what to buy was her decision.

Jackson and Aunt Rhoda sometimes go to the shopping mall together. Maybe she found his gift there.



Not knowing what is in a gift may be a little frustrating and a little fun, all at the same time. It may feel confusing.

Dinner is over. It's time for Jackson to open his gift. Everyone in his family is watching Jackson break the ribbon and begin to take off the paper.

“Jackson, STOP!” Aunt Rhoda gets up and leaves the room as she explains, “I have to get my phone! I want to take a picture!” Jackson stops and waits until Aunt Rhoda returns. Jackson’s mom says, “Thanks, Jackson!”

Aunt Rhoda is back with her phone. Jackson finishes unwrapping his gift. He is about to learn that his gift from Aunt Rhoda is...



...not a truck. Jackson feels a little sad and confused. It's a sweater.

There are many things that Jackson might say to Aunt Rhoda. He might say, "Thank you!" There are other good things for Jackson to say after receiving this gift, like...

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