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Brave Hearts

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Then, answer the questions that follow to show what you learned about courage, sacrifice, and Memorial Day.

Heroes of Honor Reading

Every year on Memorial Day, people across the United States pause to honor soldiers who gave their lives to protect freedom. One such soldier was Private James Carter, who grew up in a small town and dreamed of making a difference. When he joined the army, he promised to help others, even if it meant great risk. During a dangerous mission, he helped rescue his injured teammates before being hurt himself.

At home, his family received the news with pride and sadness. They remembered his kindness and bravery, knowing that he had stood for something bigger than himself. On Memorial Day, they visit his grave, place flowers, and tell stories about him. His courage reminds others that freedom often comes from great sacrifice-and that heroes live on through the memories they leave behind.

Comprehension Questions

1. Why do people celebrate Memorial Day?

2. What was Private James Carter's dream when he joined the army?

3. How did Private Carter show bravery during his mission?

4. How did his family honor his memory?

5. What message does this story teach about freedom and sacrifice?
