

Your American Flag

Katie's mother gave her a small American flag. Did you know that the colors in the flag mean something? The 13 stripes stand for America's first 13 colonies. Today the old colonies are now states. There are 50 states in the United States of America. There are 50 stars in the American flag, one for each state.

Katie knows that the red stripes stand for brave Americans and the brave soldiers who defend America. The white stripes stand for the pure vision of America. The dark blue stands for treating all Americans fairly and never giving up.

Grandpa told Katie "You must always treat your flag carefully. Do not let it touch the ground. Do not damage it. We do not let it get old and dirty and torn. When a flag starts to look bad, we have a special ceremony where we fold the flag a special way and then we burn it. But you should not try to burn a flag by yourself," Grandpa warned. "When you have a flag that is old and torn, let me know and we will take it to the American Legion so they can burn it the right way."

Katie was very proud of her flag when Grandpa told her the flag is a symbol of America and of all the brave people who have fought and died to keep us free.