

# The 4th of July

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{DAISY/PANDORA}. Yeah, like what Winter. Let's blow up something with a big firework!

{MATT}. We should have known not to ask Pandora what she wanted to do for the Fourth of July.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. You have got to have a little fun.

{WINTER}. Yeah, but with you, it's always at someone else's expense.

{MATT}. Do you even know why we have fireworks?

{DAISY/PANDORA}. To blow up stuff!

{MATT}. No, do you remember the phrase "bombs bursting in air" in the Star-Spangled Banner which represents our flag song?

{WINTER}. What does that even mean?

{MATT}. Well, in that battle for our country they fired cannons at each other's ships trying to kill each other to make our country independent from the British. Fireworks represents what Francis Scott Key saw in 1814 when he wrote the song "The Star-Spangled Banner"

{DAISY/PANDORA}. So they shot fireworks at each other? Are they coming back?

{WINTER}. Really BIG fireworks!

{MATT}. No, were friends now.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. But fireworks still can be a lot of fun. Right?

{MATT}. Yes, it can be a lot of fun, but it can also be very dangerous. We also need to remember the sacrifice those men made for us to be free. Or religious freedom, and other freedoms we enjoy today were a big part of why we had to fight.

In Psalms 33:12 it says; Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

{WINTER}. Well, what do we do about the fireworks then?

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Spoil all of our fun!

{MATT}. I don't think doing things in a safe matter is spoiling anybody's fun!

{DAISY/PANDORA}. How so?

{MATT}. Well, suppose a firecracker goes off in your hand and you get hurt. Or one of the puppets shoots a bottle rocket at one of your friends and they get hurt and have to go to the hosbible.

{WINTER}. Well, you're right. That would not be much fun.

{MATT}. Exactly!

{WINTER}. Yeah, Pandora, you definitely don't want to spend your holiday in the hosbible.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. That would definitely not be my idea of fun.

{MATT}. You should never have fireworks without adult supervision. This way they can monitor to see if anyone is getting out of control and doing something that could hurt someone or yourself.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Well, I never have adult supervision on anything. I think the adults are just trying to ruin our fun.

{WINTER}. Well, there's a lot wrong with that statement. Do you think your parents hate you, Pandora?

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Well, I don't know about hate me. Sometimes it seems like they do.

{WINTER}. You mean like when they try to protect you?

{MATT}. Yeah, Pandora sometimes us kid puppets get a little out of control or other kid puppets get out of control and someone could get really hurt.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Well, I've seen puppets do things that I wouldn't do.

{WINTER}. Well, that's on them, but we have to be safe because we have to rely on other people for help. Adults can help themselves. We kid puppets, have to rely on others for help.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Mummm well, that's the first good point I think you've made.

{MATT}. Look, fireworks can be a lot of fun and they should be a lot of fun, but they can also be very dangerous. Firing bottle rockets at each other or chasing each other around with sparklers or throwing firecrackers at each other. All these things are very dangerous. It could make you both have a very bad holiday.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Well, I would never want to actually hurt someone, unless they deserved it of course, but someone else may have a different opinion, so, I guess I can see where an overseer is important.

{MATT}. So, Winter what about this cookout with your friends.

{WINTER}. Well, were going to have homemade ice cream with chocolate chip cookies mixed in. My dad's going to cook steaks on the grill. And even throw in a baked potato or two. And just hang out.

{MATT}. Well, that does sound relaxing and a lot of fun.

{WINTER}. What about you Matt, what about this camping trip about.

{MATT}. Well, my dad got this big tent, and we like to go fishing on his boat. And then maybe even doing some puppet waterskiing. We like to go on trails, pick up rocks and look at the flowers. And just really enjoy nature.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. I still think blowing up the neighbor's house would be fun.

{INFO}: ALL THE PUPPETS ROLL THEIR EYES AND GO OFFSTAGE

