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# September 11: A Day We Remember

September 11, 2001, is a day that many people will never forget. It was a day when something very sad and surprising happened in the United States. This event is often called 9/11 (pronounced "nine-eleven").

On that morning, the sun was shining brightly over New York City. People were going to work, school, or starting their day like any other. But suddenly, everything changed. At 8:46 a.m., an airplane crashed into one of the tallest buildings in New York City, the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Just 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., a second airplane hit the South Tower. Everyone was shocked and scared. No one could believe what was happening.

These two airplanes were hijacked, which means bad people took control of them. They crashed the planes on purpose, causing a lot of damage and hurting many people. The Twin Towers, as the two tall buildings were called, were very strong, but the crashes caused them to catch on fire. Not long after, both towers collapsed, turning into a cloud of dust and debris.

But that wasn't the only place attacked that day. Another hijacked plane crashed into the Pentagon, a big building near Washington, D.C., where the military works. A fourth plane, United Flight 93, was also hijacked. Brave passengers on that plane fought back against the hijackers, and the plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania instead of hitting another important place.

Many people lost their lives on September 11. Firefighters, police officers, and other helpers worked very hard to save as many people as they could. Many of them were heroes that day.

Every year, on September 11, people remember those who were lost and honor the heroes. There are special ceremonies, and people often visit the places where the attacks happened to leave flowers or say a prayer. It's a day to think about how important it is to be kind, help others, and stay strong together.

Even though it was a sad day, September 11 also showed how people can come together and help each other in difficult times. It's a day that reminds us to be brave and take care of one another.

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