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I. Instructions: Read the personal narrative and answer questions below.

Tittle: Mom or Me

I knew it was going to be the best birthday party I'd ever been to. Maria's parents really wanted to celebrate her turning ten years old. They planned out an entire day of fun for her and her friends, including, me! We were going to begin the day with breakfast at a great restaurant called Good Morning, after that, we would go to a water park to ride the water slides and swim in the wave pool. Then we would go back to Maria's house for a cookout, including hot dogs and hamburgers. Later that night, we would roast marshmallow and make s'mores while we sat by the campfire. It was a day full of my favorite things!

The party was still a month away when I found out the date August 2, my mom's birthday! Every year, my mom asked for only one gift from her family for her birthday. She asked that we all be there with her to celebrate. We usually had dinner together and either went to see a movie or rented movies to watch at home. How could I go to Maria's all-day birthday party and still be there for my mom's birthday dinner?

When I reveled my problem to my mom, she smiled and told me that it was okay for me to miss her birthday this year. But she looked sad. I know how she liked having her whole family together. I knew what I had to do. Everyone had a great time at Maria's birthday party except for me-but that's because I wasn't there! I surprised my mom by staying home to celebrate her birthday with her and our family. She was so happy that she cried. She told me that I gave her the best present she had ever gotten. I showed her just how important she is to me.

II. Questions:

1. Who is the main character of the story?
2. What was the special occasion that Maria was celebrating?
3. Describe the activities planned for Maria's birthday party.
4. When is the main character's mom's birthday?
5. Why was it a difficult decision for the main character to choose between Maria's party and their mom's birthday celebration?
6. How did the main character surprise his mother?
7. What was the reaction of the main character's mom when she realized what her child had done?

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8. In your opinion, did the main character make the right choice? Why or why not?

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