

# Mac Dodger

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Mac Dodger was 8 years old. He grew up in a small house, in a small town. Mac lived with his dad, mom, his brother James, and their dog Raptor. Mac's house was at the end of Meyers Street, next to the local baseball field. Mac watched baseball games from his window. He watched the kids throwing the ball around the field, swinging their bats, and sliding into the bases. Mac thought that playing baseball would be fun.

The more Mac watched from his window, the more he wanted to play baseball. He would have to learn the game and get a glove. Mac's big brother James was a very good baseball player. He was on the baseball team at the high school. Mac decided to ask James if he would teach him how to play. As soon as James got home from school the next day, Mac went into his room. He told James that he had been watching baseball games from his bedroom window and really wanted to play. He asked James if he would teach him how to play baseball and let him borrow a glove. James agreed to help. He went to his closet and took out an old, worn out glove. Together, they went outside.

James taught Mac the basics of baseball. They started with throwing the ball. Next, James showed Mac how to catch. Mac was having such a great time that he didn't notice it was getting dark. He did not want to stop but James promised that they would do it again. For the next month, James and Mac spent every afternoon working on baseball. Mac got really good and wanted to join a team. Mac's dad called one of the Little League coaches and got Mac a tryout.

On the day of his tryout, Mac's dad gave him a brand new baseball glove. Mac was very excited to have a glove of his own. During the tryout, Mac's family was in the stands cheering him on. He hit, ran the bases, and even pitched a little. At the end of the tryout, the coach asked Mac to join the team. Mac was thrilled to be part of a team. He quickly made friends with his new teammates. Now, Mac's afternoons were spent on the baseball field looking up at his bedroom window where he used to sit and watch the games.