

**Dear Parents and Family Caregivers,**

We read a story about Jesse. Jesse learned that even though he will grow whiskers on his face, learn to drive a car, and grow as tall as his dad, he will still not be a "grown-up" until he reaches the age of 21. It takes our brain and the rest of our body at least 21 years to get us ready to be a grown-up. Ask about the story and practice the poem together. Ask your student how many more birthdays he or she will celebrate before he or she becomes 21 years of age.



**Jesse's Poem**

***"I promise to take good care of me,  
so I will grow and someday be  
21 years old and you will see,  
the very best grown-up I can be."***