

Lin Yi's Lantern

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Themes: Sacrifice, Responsibility, Family
Grade Level: K to 3rd grade
Book Brief: During the Moon Festival, a boy bargains for the things his family needs to celebrate.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Find out what the children know about the Chinese Moon Festival. Do any of your students celebrate it? Explain that the festival celebrates the end of the harvest and the bright harvest moon. Locate China on a map or globe so kids will know where the story is set.

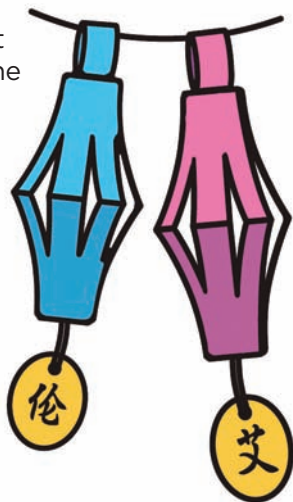
RELATED ACTIVITIES

PAPER LANTERNS (AGES 5-12)

Materials: 8.5" x 11" paper, scissors, markers or crayons, glue or tape

1. Decorate the paper. Fold it in half lengthways; crease the fold.
2. Starting at the fold, cut a slit up almost to the edges of the paper. Leave about 1 in. of uncut paper on top. Make 8 more slits, evenly spaced.
3. Unfold the paper. Roll the paper into a tube and glue or tape the uncut edges together. Cut a thin strip of paper and glue it on top for a handle.

For step-by-step pictures, see the back of the book.



THE NAME GAME (AGES 5-12)

Materials: paper, paint, brushes

Calligraphy is an important part of Chinese culture. Show kids this video (www.5min.com/Video/The-Art-of-Chinese-Calligraphy-315086084) and let them practice painting their names (in English!).

SILLY RABBIT (AGES 4-12)

Materials: attached sheet, cotton balls, glue

Lin Yi wants a rabbit lantern. Have kids make their own rabbits by gluing cotton balls onto the "furry parts" of the rabbit on the attached sheet. For a simpler option, have kids color the rabbits red like Lin Yi's red rabbit lantern.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

The Real Princess (2008), *Home for a Tiger, Home for a Bear* (2007), *New Home for Tiger* (1999), *Seasons* (2001), *Birds* (2007).

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