

Lin Yi's Lantern

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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, build background knowledge:

What does your child know about the Chinese Moon Festival? To learn more, see the back of the book.

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why does Lin Yi want a lantern?
- ◆ Why can't he just buy one?
- ◆ If you were Lin Yi, would you buy things for your family or a lantern for yourself?
- ◆ Can you think of a time you gave up something for someone else?

While reading, look at the pictures: What do the pictures show about Chinese culture? Look at the clothes, the houses and the Moon Festival decorations.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

EASY CHINESE "MOON CAKES"

Ingredients: 1/4 c. sugar, 2 egg yolks, 1/2 c. butter (softened), 1 c. flour, 1 c. jam

Stir together sugar, eggs and butter. Add flour. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and chill for 30 mins. When cool, roll into small balls and place on cookie sheet. Make a small dent in each cookie with your thumb and fill with about 1/2 teaspoon of jam. Bake for 20 mins. at 375°. For a more authentic version, try using red bean paste instead of jam.

OUT AND ABOUT

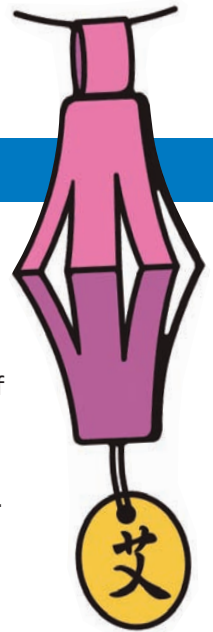
Help your child learn to manage money. Next time you're at the store, point out prices. Explain coupons and sales. Let your child help you pick out which items to buy. Being a smart shopper starts early!

PAPER LANTERNS

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.



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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