

Lin Yi's Lantern

A BAREFOOT DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR AGES 5 - 9

- Lin Yi and his family are going to celebrate the Moon Festival. They are planning what they will eat. What special foods do you eat at festivals your family celebrates? What do you eat on your birthday?
- **2.** Lin Yi rides his bike under the moon gate to bring luck for his day's activities. What are your lucky charms? What things do you do to try and win some good luck?
- 3. Play When I Went to Market... Can everyone remember what they need to buy?

How to play: You need at least four people. Sit in a circle. The first person starts with "When I went to market, I bought some candy apples." The next person has to think of something they want to buy, but remember the first person's shopping, too. They might say, "When I went to market, I bought a bicycle and some candy apples." As each new person has a turn, they need to think of something to add to the list (e.g., "When I went to market, I bought three chickens, a bicycle and some candy apples."). Keep going around the circle. Can everyone remember all the things the players chose?

- **4.** Play a bargaining game with a friend. Can you convince your friend to give you a good price for what you want to buy?
- 5. Lin Yi wants to have the rabbit lantern very badly. Is there something you've seen and longed to have for yourself? Tell us about it. What was it that was so special about the thing you wanted?
- **6.** Lin Yi remembers all the things he has to buy and take home. Have you ever forgotten something that you needed to take home or to school? What happened?
- 7. At the end of his trip to market, Lin Yi only has enough money to buy either peanuts for Uncle Hui or the red lantern he likes so much. What would you choose? Have you ever had to make a choice like that? What did you choose and how did it feel?
- 8. For the Moon Festival, Lin Yi and his family climb the mountain at night. What festivals do you celebrate with your family at nighttime? Why is it more exciting and special to have a celebration at night instead of during the day?



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