

January's

Book of the Month

Big Idea of the Text: Sacrifice, Responsibility, and Family!

During the Moon Festival, a boy bargains for the things his family needs to celebrate. This is a charming Chinese folktale that ends with a telling of the *Legend of the Moon Fairy* and directions to make a Chinese lantern.

Listen to the book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64ULAnMa0bM>

Questions for Discussion or Reflective Writing:

Why is Lin Yi going to the market?
What does he need to buy? Why doesn't Lin Yi buy a toffee apple?
Why won't the lantern seller save a lantern for Lin Yi? How does Lin Yi feel when he has to go home without his lantern? What present does Uncle Hui give Lin Yi? Why? "Why didn't Lin Yi buy the lantern for himself? If you'd been shopping instead of Lin Yi, what would you have done?" Ask students to think about a time when they had to be responsible and make a sacrifice for their family. Was it worth it in the end? Did they feel good about themselves afterward?

