

# Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding



## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

**Themes:** Chinese-American Culture, Family, Traditions, Jealousy

**Grade Level:** K to 2nd grade

**Book Brief:** Jenny is the only family member who isn't happy that Uncle Peter is getting married.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Ask if any of the kids have ever been to a wedding. What do they remember from the event? Tell them this story describes a traditional Chinese wedding. Ask them to look for similarities to and differences from their own experiences.

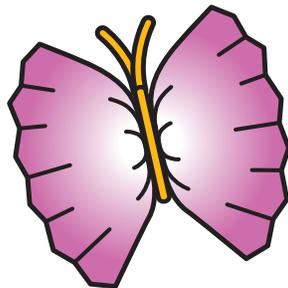
## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES (AGES 5-12)

*In Chinese culture, the butterfly is a symbol of love.*

Materials: round coffee filter, pipe cleaner, watercolor paints, brushes, newspaper

1. Lay out several sheets of newspaper. Flatten coffee filter on top of newspaper.
2. Paint with watercolors and let dry.
3. Fold pipe cleaner in half. Place coffee filter in between bent halves of pipe cleaner. Twist pipe cleaner to secure coffee filter and create butterfly's antennae. Fan out each side of coffee filter for wings.



### THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER (AGES 5-12)

Materials: paper, markers or crayons

We sometimes *personify* jealousy as a green-eyed monster. Explain personification to the kids and see if they can think of other examples. Have the children draw their own green-eyed monsters. Older students can write a story about a time they were jealous to go with their pictures. Younger students can decorate the edges of the paper with words or pictures of things that make them jealous.

### SPECIAL RELATIVE PROJECT (AGES 6-12)

Materials: paper, pencil, crayons

Have kids think about a relative they really love. Ask kids to draw a picture of this relative and write a story about something special they've done together.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Henry's First Moon Birthday* (2001), *Polka Dot Penguin Pottery* (2011), *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things* (2009), *Ruby Lu, Brave and True* (2006).

### TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

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During a formal Chinese wedding proposal, the groom's family will present different gifts to announce the engagement, which is usually food and cakes. Both families send "Double Happiness Cakes" to their relatives and friends, along with invitations. The bride's family provides a dowry list, and the groom's family performs a "setting bridal bed" ritual. The candle represents good luck on the couple's first night as husband and wife. The bride is then offered raw dumplings symbolizing her dedication to her future family and the power of giving birth. Although modern Chinese weddings are quickly catching on, there are always a few Chinese wedding traditions that are usually present. These tips include both traditional and modern elements: Traditional Chinese Wedding Invitations.