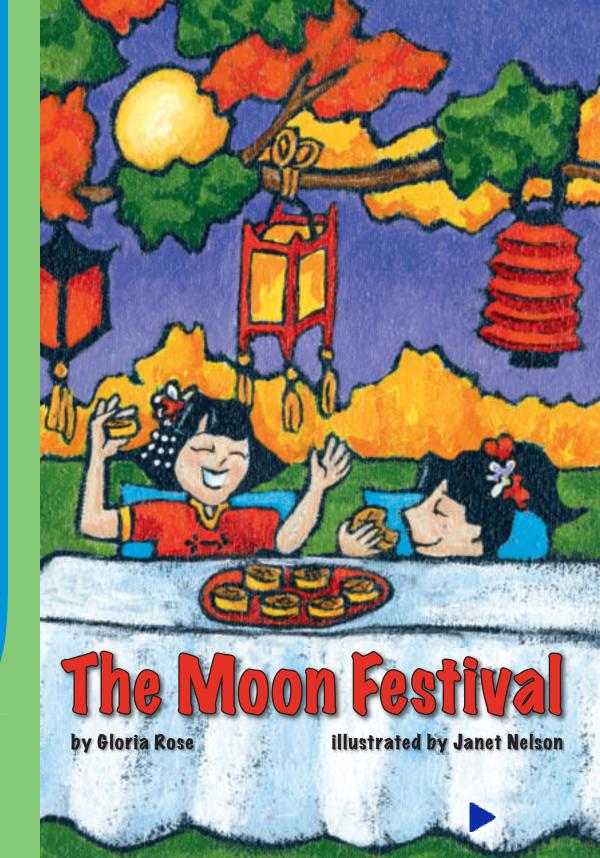
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It was the day of the Moon Festival. Mai's whole family was coming for dinner.

"Did you get moon cakes?" Mai asked.

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"I want moon cakes," cried Mai. "We have eight moon cakes," said Mother. "But it's wrong to touch them now. We must make dinner first."



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"We'll tie lights above us like more moons," said Mother. "We will say thank you for all we have."

"I will say thank you for moon cakes," thought Mai.





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The family ate dinner together. Grandfather told the story about a lady who lived in the moon.

"We can each make a wish," he said.



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Mai looked at the moon cakes. She made the same wish she had made all day. Then she gave a happy laugh. She knew her wish would soon come true!

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I()) **Moon Cakes and** the Moon Festival

Read Together

The Chinese Moon Festival is a little like Thanksgiving. It is celebrated at the end of the harvest season. On this day, Chinese families gather together. They tell the story about a lady who lived in the moon. They give each other small, round moon cakes. Some moon cakes have a yellow egg yolk in the middle. The yolk looks like a bright, full moon!



Think and Share Read Together

- **1.** Could this story happen in real life? Tell why you think as you do.
- 2. You read about the Moon Festival. If you did not know what the Moon Festival is, how could you find out more about it?
- **3.** Mai gives a happy laugh after she makes her wish. Show how you laugh when you are happy.
- **4.** Use a diagram like the one below to show how Moon Festival and Thanksgiving are alike and different.

