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Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding

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This story is about a little girl named Jenny who has this favorite uncle named Peter. These two were inseparable, except for today. Uncle Peter was getting married to Stella. Jenny was not a happy little girl. She imagined so many things she will miss doing with Uncle Peter. Jenny became very sad. Sad enough to not want to be a part of the wedding completely. Jenny made up her mind and decided she will not enjoy herself at all at the traditional wedding. As the wedding begins with the picking up the bride, Jenny learns a couple things what Chinese brides wear and do two hundred years ago and now. She is amazed but still refuses to accept the wedding plans. As the Chinese tradition wedding continues, Jenny is slowly developing the mixed feelings about her new Auntie Stella and Uncle Peter. She wonders maybe having an Auntie wouldn't be so bad. In the end, Auntie Stella expresses her feelings toward her new niece, Jenny. Stella presents her with another traditional gift for a new family. Jenny is touched by the gift and understands that she did not loose Uncle Peter. She gained another person she can love.

Thinking Skills

- -What is the meaning of bowing to the bride and groom;
- -Why do children represent an importance in a Chinese wedding;

Social Studies

- -Chinese Traditions
- -Seasons Chinese wedding occurs:
- Why specific members of family can only be with bride and not groom;

Language

- -Stories that needs to be shared before and after a Chinese wedding;
- -Words that are said to bride and groom when parting from guests;

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Food Experience

- -Special drinks served at a Chinese wedding;
- -Traditional meals that have to be presented to the bride;

Science

- -Traditional insects that are passed down to families
- -Dragons and phoenixes have to be a part of the bride;

The Arts

- -What type of dress Chinese brides wear:
- -What type of gifts people have to bring to a traditional Chinese wedding;