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MILLIE AND THE GOAT



Educator Guide

DISCUSSION

Ask these questions to the class as a whole or have students discuss in small groups. These questions encourage students to think about trust, as well as seasonal celebrations.

1. The goat is scared to leave the park but trusts that Millie will help it home. Has there ever been a time when you helped someone who was scared? Has there been a time when you were scared and someone else helped you?
2. Millie promised to get the goat back to the park before dark—and she did! What is a promise? Why is it important to keep them?
3. The goat trusts Millie will help it return to the park before dark. Think of someone you trust. What are some reasons you trust them?
4. Millie and the goat celebrate the First Day of Summer by playing outside with friends! How do you celebrate your first day of summer?

CULTURAL CONNECTION

Additional topics for discussion can be the various calendars throughout the world, particularly the Solar Terms of the traditional Chinese calendar.

1. A calendar is a system of organizing the year. Think of our calendar. How is our year organized?
2. Millie and the goat celebrate the special First Day of Summer once a year. What are some special days on your calendar? How are they celebrated?
3. There are three types of calendar: lunar, solar, and lunisolar. We use the Gregorian calendar, which is solar. What are the differences between the three types of calendar?



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The special day in this story is the First Day of Summer (May 6th). It is one of the 24 Solar Terms in the traditional Chinese calendar which is still used today. According to this calendar, there is a new Solar Term every two weeks. The dates below vary slightly from year to year. They refer to changes in nature during the farming cycle. Sometimes they are celebrated as festivals, with special (in season) foods and special activities and celebrations. The 24 Solar Terms are now registered on UNESCO's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

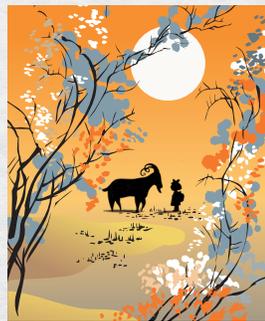
THE 24 SOLAR TERMS



SOLAR TERM	TRANSLATION	DATE	MEANING
立春 li chun	Beginning of Spring	~ February 4th	
雨水 yu shui	Rain Water	~ February 19th	It rains now rather than snows
惊蛰 jing zhe	Waking of Insects	~ March 6th	Little creatures begin stirring
春分 chun fen	Spring Equinox	~ March 20th	Day and night are equal length
清明 qing ming	Clear and Bright	~ April 5th	It is time to sweep the graves
谷雨 gu yu	Grain Rain	~ April 20th	The ground is wet—time to sow the seeds



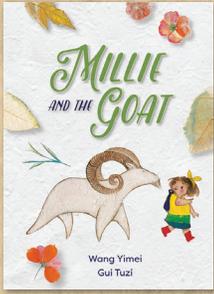
立夏 li xia	Beginning of Summer	~ May 6th	
小满 xiao man	Grain Full	~ May 21st	The grain is growing and filling out
芒种 mang zhong	Grain in Beard	~ June 6th	The grain is growing bristles
夏至 xia zhi	Summer Solstice	~ June 21st	The longest day of the year
小暑 xiao shu	Slight Heat	~ July 7th	It is getting warm
大暑 da shu	Great Heat	~ July 23rd	The hottest time of the year



立秋 li qiu	Beginning of Autumn	~ August 8th	
处暑 chu shu	End of Heat	~ August 23rd	The temperature is dropping
白露 bai lu	White Dew	~ September 8th	There's frost in the morning
秋分 qiu fen	Autumn Equinox	~ September 23rd	Day and night are equal length
寒露 han lu	Cold Dew	~ October 8th	Leaves are starting to fall
霜降 shuang jiang	Frost's Descent	~ October 23rd	There is grayish white frost and ice



立冬 li dong	Beginning of Winter	~ November 7th	
小雪 xiao xue	Slight Snow	~ November 22nd	There is snow
大雪 da xue	Great Snow	~ December 7th	The snowiest time of the year
冬至 dong zhi	Winter Solstice	~ December 22nd	The shortest day of the year
小寒 xiao han	Slight Cold	~ January 6th	It is cold
大寒 da han	Great Cold	~ January 20th	The coldest time of the year



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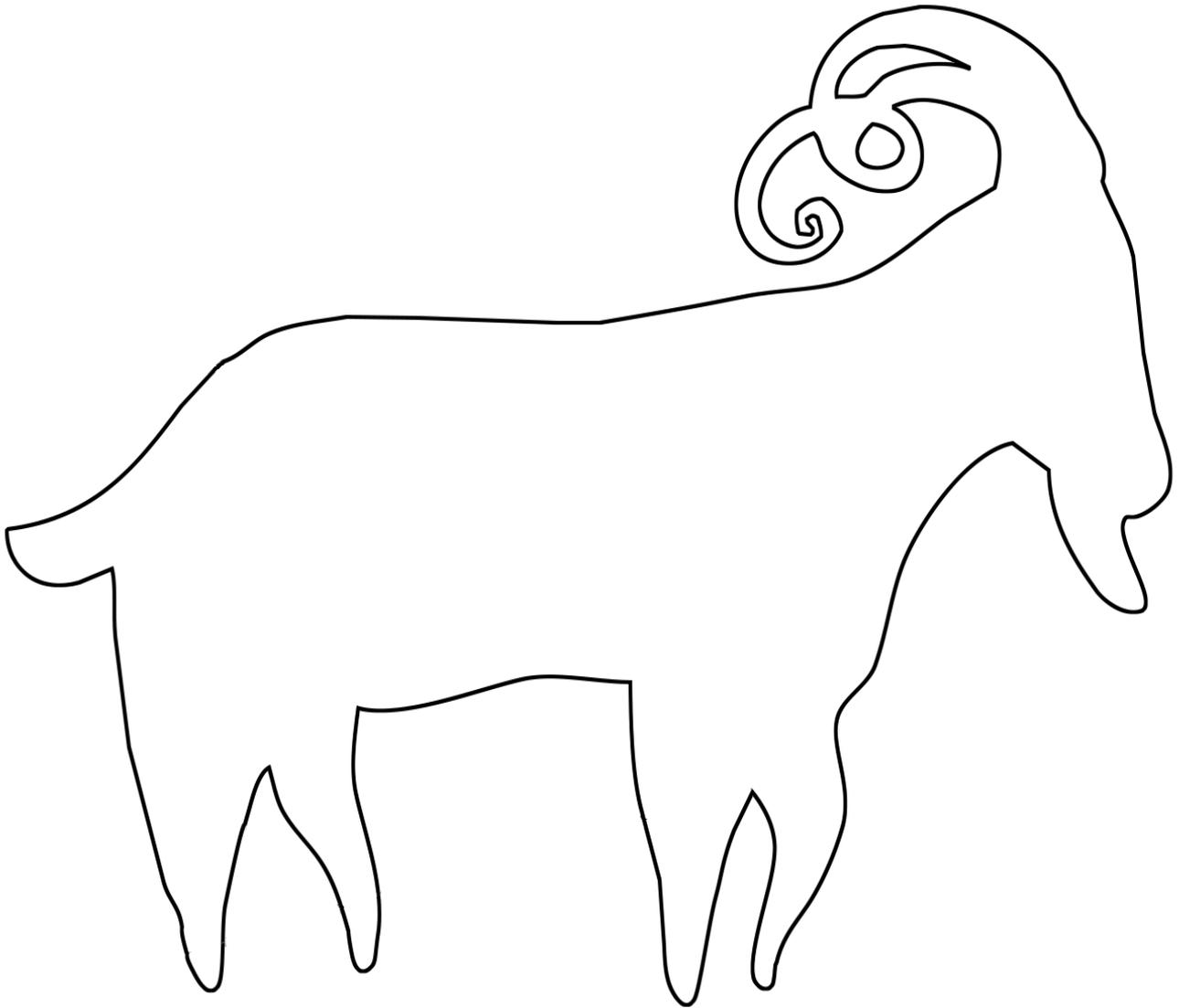
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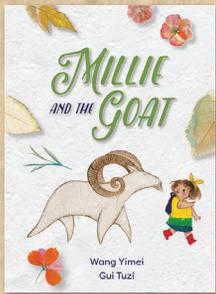


Activities for Kids

LET'S DECORATE!

Decorate this goat with other fun patterns!





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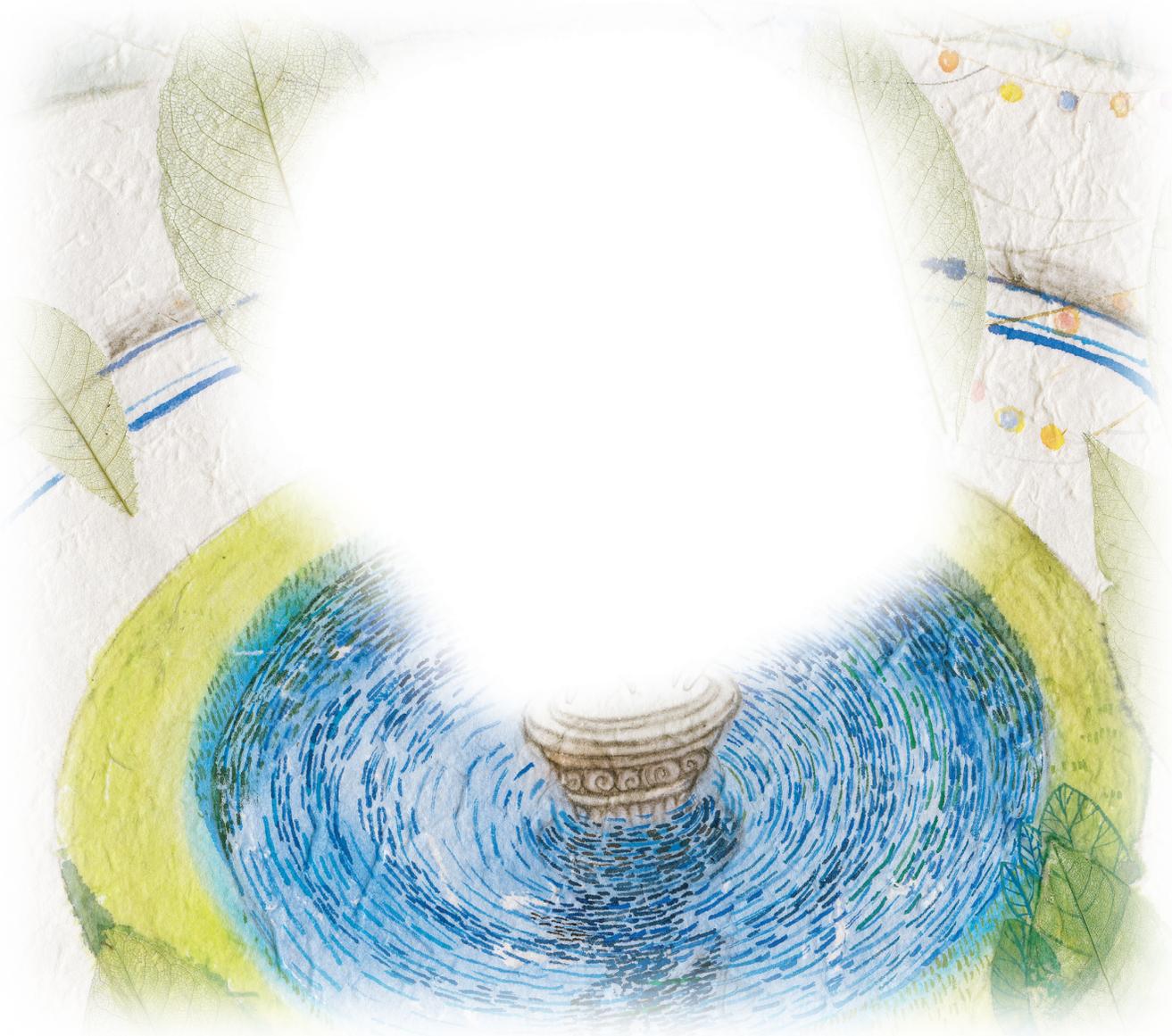
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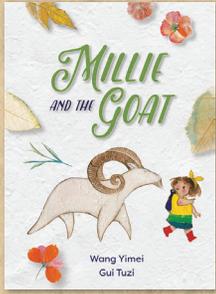


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LET'S DRAW!

Draw your own animal that lives on top of the fountain, just like the goat!





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SUMMER THINGS

Bright and colorful lights shine in the park in the summertime! What are other things that make you think of summer?

WRITE THE CHINESE CHARACTER FOR GOAT

The Chinese character for goat is 羊 yang. Trace the character below, then practice writing it on your own!

