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## The Monster Nian

A long time ago, there was a quiet village. Villagers lived in there. They were happy. One day, Nian came to the village. Nian was a monster who was eating plants and animals. The villagers were frightened. They ran away at night.

In the following year, some people had an idea. They stuck some red paper on the walls. The monster was scared so he ran away. The villagers lighted the firecrackers and they beat the drums! After that day, the Nian was scared, so he went home. He never returned.

Now, at Chinese New Year, people put red paper on doors and walls. Children get red packets. People watch lion dances and fireworks.