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## The Monster Nian

A long time ago, there was a small village in China. The people lived peacefully in the village. They were happy. One day, the Monster Nian came. It ate the plants and the animals. The villagers were frightened and ran away.

In the following year, some people stuck some red paper on the walls and doors. When the Monster Nian came and saw the paper, it was scared and ran away. The villagers were happy. They lighted firecrackers and beat the drums. The monster did not come again.

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