

# Kid Scoop

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## The Crane Wife

A FOLKTALE FROM JAPAN

Replace the missing words in the story.

- SURPRISE
- CLOTH
- SOLD
- MAGICAL
- NEVER
- SADLY
- CRANE
- FLEW
- DISCOVERED
- WORRY
- SAVED
- TIRED
- RETURNED

One day, a rice farmer \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful crane that had been shot with an arrow. The farmer carefully removed the arrow, and the crane \_\_\_\_\_ away.

When the farmer \_\_\_\_\_ home, to his \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful woman was waiting for him. She had come to be his wife.

The farmer explained to her that he was very poor, but she told him not to \_\_\_\_\_.

The wife shut herself in a room and told the farmer to \_\_\_\_\_ look inside. She stayed in the room for seven \_\_\_\_\_.

When she came out of the room, she was very thin and \_\_\_\_\_, but she gave her husband a beautiful piece of cloth. He took it to market and \_\_\_\_\_ the fabric for a high price.

A few weeks later, when his wife shut herself in the room again, the farmer's curiosity got the better of him. He investigated and discovered his wife was really the crane whose life he had \_\_\_\_\_. She was weaving her own feathers into the \_\_\_\_\_ for him to sell at the market so that he would no longer be poor.

Now that the farmer knew she was really the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ spell was broken and she had to leave.

She gave him the cloth and \_\_\_\_\_

flew away.

Count by twos to connect the dots and draw a crane.

Help this crane fly to the pond.

### A Story with a Message

Folktales are stories with messages about how to live a good life. What do you think is the message of *The Crane Wife* folktale?

Use the code to discover one message. Could there be more than one message learned from this tale?

Use the code to discover the message of *The Crane Wife*.

- [Red triangle] = A
- [Blue square] = D
- [Green triangle] = E
- [Yellow square] = F
- [Blue square] = G
- [Red triangle] = H
- [Yellow triangle] = I
- [Red square] = N
- [Blue triangle] = O
- [Yellow triangle] = R
- [Black triangle] = S
- [Black triangle] = T

Code: ' K

Extra! Extra!

### Story Starter

Select five nouns from the newspaper. Think of a story to tell with those five nouns. Write your story and share with a friend.

Standards Link: Identify and use nouns.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Homophones** are two or more words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Draw a line connecting these homophones. Use the kite shapes to help you.

Standards Link: Recognize homonyms; use knowledge of homonyms to determine meaning of words.

### Double Double Word Search

- CURIOSITY
- FEATHERS
- FOLKTALE
- WEAVING
- MESSAGE
- FARMER
- MARKET
- CRANE
- CLOTH
- ARROW
- PIECE
- HAIKU
- HIGH
- WIFE
- RICE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

Word search grid:

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D A W M A R K E T C
Y T I S O I R U C L
E N F G E R C S O O
G R E F A R R O W T
A E W E A V I N G H
S M G N P I E C E I
S R E H T A E F E G
E A R E E U K I A H
M F O L K T A L E D
    
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Curiosity

Some people say that curiosity killed the cat. In this folktale, curiosity caused the crane to fly away. Look through the newspaper for some examples of where curiosity was a good thing.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

**Which bird has the strength to lift a steel beam?**

ANSWER: A crane!

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