

Virtual

LONE STAR Storytelling Festival



Discussion Guide

“The Empty Pot”

Facts on Fiction: “The Empty Pot” is a Chinese folktale. As well as orally, the story of “The Empty Pot” has been shared in the form of a picture book by Demi.

In this story, the ruler of the land is called “The Emperor.” If this story was set in America, what would we call the ruler? If the story was set in your school, who would be the ruler?

What does Ping do with his seed when he gets home?

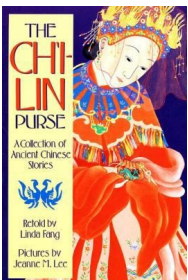
How much time passes before Ping tries to plant his seed again?
How much more time passes before he presents his empty pot to the emperor?

What did the emperor do to the seeds he gave the children?

What lesson is learned in this story?

Can you remember a time when you were honest, even when it might have been hard?

If you want to read more Chinese folk and fairy tales, check out:



[The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes by Ying Chang Compestine](#)

[The Race for the Chinese Zodiac by Gabrielle Wang](#)

[Nian, the Chinese New Year Dragon by Virginia Loh-Hagan](#)

[The Sons of the Dragon King by Ed Young](#)

[The Chi'i-lin Purse: A Collection of Ancient Chinese Stories by Linda Fang](#)



Learn and tell another Chinese folk or fairy tale! Which will you choose?