

Ruby's Wish

Group 8

Character:

*young/old Ruby(R): Cherry

*Grandpa(G): Elva

*Peter(E): Amy

* Teacher (T): Sherry

*旁白: Kari

*old Ruby's granddaughter: Sophie(S)

Boy cousins: B-C: Sherry

Girl cousins: G-C: Amy

Tools:

*Calligraphy papers x4

*Red clothes

*Picture of an old woman

*Two types of lantern

*Two papers drawing different kind of moon cake

*Red envelope x1

*Family photo

Scene1

@Background: use PPT.....

Sophie: I am so happy that I graduated from university today. Maybe I should recollect some old memories and start to plan my future.

(When Sophie watches the photo book, suddenly, a piece of photo drop out of the book, Sophie picks it up): Oh, this is my Grandma.

旁白: And Sophie starts to recall her old, old memories. It was fifteen years ago.

S: Oh, grandma, how far do we need to walk?

R: My little Sophie, it is not far away. Let's we take a walk and I'll tell you a story.

S: Story! I like story, Grandma.

R: When I was a little girl.....

Young Ruby appear

R: My name is Ruby, my favorite color is red. Cause I think red is the color of celebration.

Even my mother made me wear somber colors like all my other cousins. I will tie up red ribbons on my hair.

@Background: seasons, Ruby changing clothes and ties her hair with red ribbons.

cousins wear the same color.

R: It's spring, I love red. It's summer, I love red. It's autumn, I love red. It's winter, I still love red.

Scene2

@ A family picture

G: I have lots of sons and daughters, and my sons and daughters have their sons and daughters. You know what, that is why I have such a big, big family.

G: I should hire a teacher to teach my little grandchildren and hold the class in the garden, so I can watch them.

@Background: The wall with calligraphy.

旁白: One day... grandpa looked down from the window, and he saw the wall with calligraphy. Cousins were practicing handwriting, and the ink was on their hands and faces.

G: [surprise] what a beautiful calligraphy!!! Who wrote it?

T: [praising] you did a great job, Ruby!

Ruby was shy, smiling

R: Thank you, sir. I think that there are still some people better than me.

@Boys doing homework at their studies. Girls learning cooking and keeping house.

旁白: One by one, the girls stopped going classes.

C: I can't go to the class, because I have a lot of work to do in the morning. I have no time to study.

R: It's sad that the other girls decide to quit the classes. I like study. I want to go to the class. I'll keep going the work and study hard at night.

(Talking to herself)

@Background: At night, candle flickered long, cousins go to bed.

Scene 3

@Background: PPT

旁白: One day, the children were asked to write a poem.

*Ruby write and read loudly, show the paper, sign deeply, walk around

R: *Alas, bad luck to be born in a girl; Worse luck to be born in this house where only boys are cared for.* [sign] I am so poor. If I were a boy, I could do anything I want.

*Ruby goes to sleep. Turn off the light.

旁白: The next day... Ruby's teacher was impressed by the poem.

T: That is a great poem! [Surprise] I should show it to the grandpa.

***T:** Mister, your granddaughter wrote this. I am very impressed! Maybe you should

take a look at it!

G: [flown] She wrote it? That is interesting! I need to talk to her!

G: Edmund, can you go to get Ruby here?

P: Sure!

Grandpa sitting in the chair

R: Grandpa, Edmund said you want to talk to me?

G: Yes, did you write this poem?

R: [nod] Yes, I did, grandpa. Did I going something wrong?

G: No, I just want to ask you, do you really think that in this house we only concern of boys? [Loudly]

R: Oh no, Grandpa. I'm Sorry. You take good care of all of us, and for that we are grateful.

G: Little Ruby, [gently] I really would like to know why you wrote this poem. Tell me what you think?

R: [thinking carefully] Well, when it's in the Moon Festival, boys get the half with the yellow moon yolk, girls?

G: Hmmmm, Is that so? [Waiting]

R: Yes, and when it is the Lantern Festival, the girls only get simple paper lanterns , but boys are given the lanterns with the shapes of goldfish, cockerels or the dragons.
*Grandpa chuckled.

G: Hahaha, I'd never thought about it before. I could imagine how much Ruby would like to have a red lantern.

R: But most importantly [staring hard at her red noses] the boys will go to university and get married.

G: Don't you want to be married? [Gently] You're very lucky. A daughter of this house can marry any man!

R: I know, grandpa. But I'd rather go to university.

G: I see, thank you for talking to me, Ruby. Go on with your lessons and do your best.

旁白: The boys grew up and went away to university. The girls stayed in the house and started families of their own.

B-C: I am18, grandpa is sending me to university. Goodbye, Ruby!

G-C: I am18 now, grandpa had found me a good man, I'll get married and have a home. Goodbye, Ruby!

R: They all.....home. Soon it would be my turn. It will soon be Chinese New Day. It might be my last New Year at home.

旁白: On New Year's Day, Ruby put on red velvet shoes and tied red ribbons in her hair.

*tying red ribbons on her hair and going to wish everyone a happy new year.

R: Goung xi fa cai and happy New Year, Grandpa.

G: Happy New Year, Little Ruby. [Smile]

*Grandpa handed a very fat red envelope.

G: Just open it, Ruby. [Gently] You will be very happy.

Scene4

R: Grandpa! This is an acceptance from ***university!!

G: Yes, and you are their very first female student! Ruby, I am so proud of you.

R: That's was really a great gift! Grandpa, thank you very much!! [Appreciate]

Turning off the lights.

Sophie closes the book and says...

S: Well, my grandma passed away a few years ago. She taught me a lot, so I'm a independent woman now. I also graduated from university, I do miss my grandma. Thank for her, we girls can all go to university now. This is my cherish memory in my life.

All of us stand in a row , bow and say "Thanks for attention"