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1. bounce: move away

I always smile on rainy days. It's such a lovely sound to hear a million tiny drops bounce<sup>1</sup> gently to the ground.

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#### In the Name of God

#### **Hey there!**

Can there be a happier time of the year than spring? Especially when it is the New Year and Seesaw's birthday, too? It's time to celebrate! Let's go out and enjoy ourselves!



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### DO YOU KNOW?

# Our Neighbors

Iran is in southwest Asia.

Afghanistan and Pakistan are our neighbors on the east; Turkey and Iraq are our neighbors on the west.

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## Afghanistan

Capital: Kabul Weather: dry Languages: Dari, Pashto



Kofta



Manti





**Afghan bread** 

#### Places to Visit -

Minaret of Jam

This minaret is 65 meters tall. It has beautiful brickwork and blue tile work.





• Band-e Amir National Park This is the first national park in Afghanistan. It has a series of 6 deep blue lakes.

Kandahar Embroidery

Souvenirs -



• Garden of Babur This garden has 15 terraces. Mughal Emperor, Babur, is buried here.







### Pakistan

**Capital:** Islamabad **Weather:** dry cool winters, dry hot summers **Language:** Urdu

## Food -

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Seekh Kebab

Gulab jamun



Sindhi biryani

Chapati

#### Places to Visit -

Sheesh Mahal

This place is made of white marble, colored stones and mirror mosaics.

• Lulusar

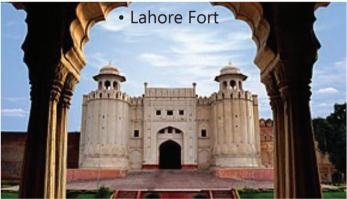
It is a group of mountain peaks and a lake.

Lake Saiful Muluk

Souvenirs -

It is one of the highest lakes in Pakistan.











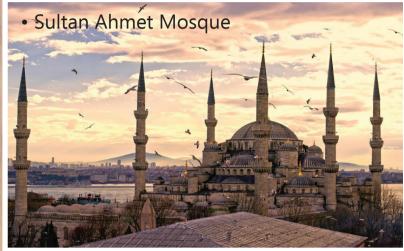


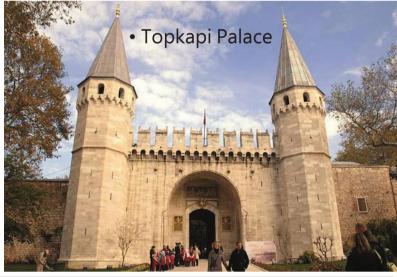




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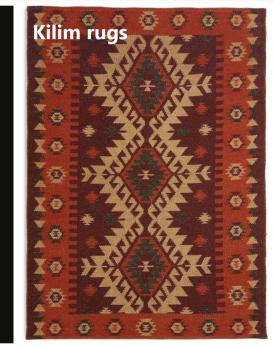




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#### Souvenirs -





Turkish bath towels



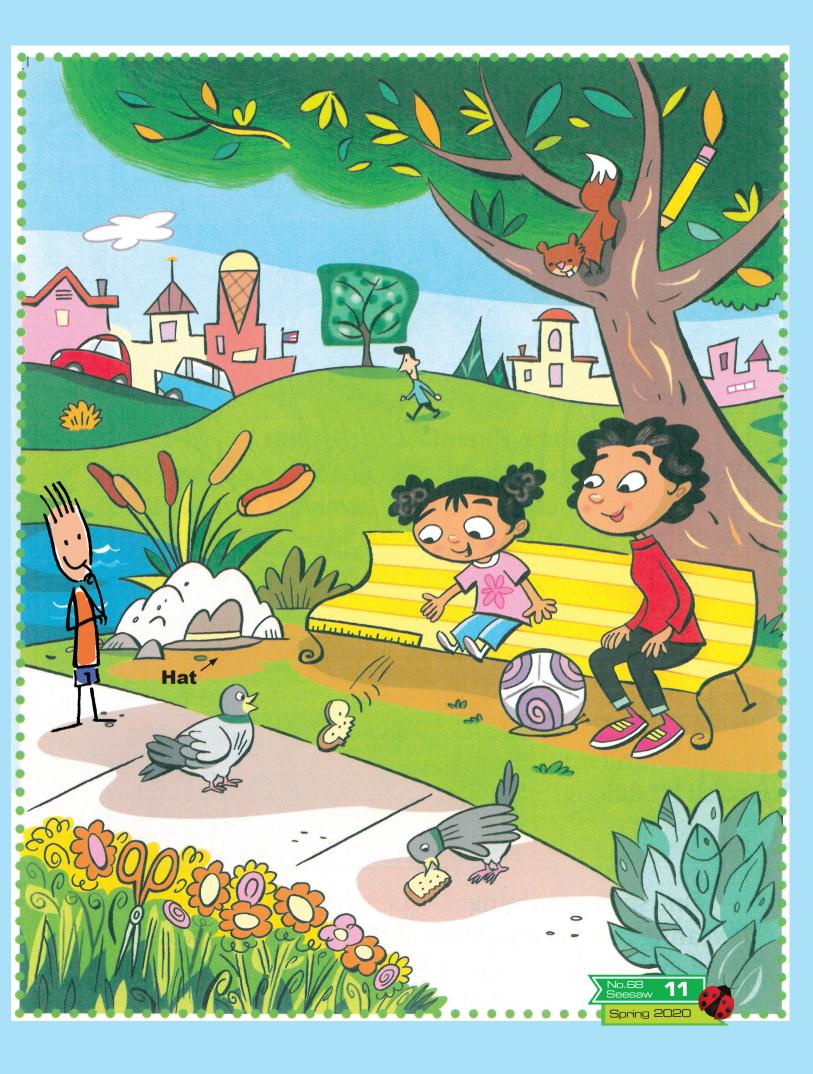


#### **One For You**

Clara had one slice of bread, But two birds came up to be fed<sup>1</sup>. She tore<sup>2</sup> her slice of bread in two. "One for you, and one for you!"



feed fed: give food
tear tore



## **FESTIVALS**



# Nowruz around the World Many countries celebrate Nowruz. People of these

countries do different things to welcome the New Year.



### • Afghanistan

Haft Mewa (seven fruit) is a sweet dessert. It is made from seven dried fruits and nuts.



#### • Kazakhstan

Nauryz kosh is a kind of food. It is made with meat, milk or yoghurt and grain.







#### • Tajikistan

Dastarkhwan is a decorated table. There are seven things that begin with the letter "S".



#### • Kyrgyzstan

Chon Kedje is a kind of soup. It is made from cow's meat.





PICTURE STORY.



## Will You Find Me?

-Little Chipmunk tugged his grandfather's sleeve and said, "Can we play 'Find Me,' Poppy?" "Of course," said Poppy. He put down his newspaper and closed his eyes.





"When Little Chipmunk called, 'Find me, Poppy!` Little Chipmunk's grandfather opened his eyes. "Sometimes my favorite Litte one hides behind the couch," said Poppy. But Little Chipmunk was not behind the couch.



"Sometimes my favorite little one hides under" the table," said Poppy. But Little Chipmunk was not under the table.





"Sometimes my favorite little one hides behind the curtains," said Poppy. But Little Chipmunk was not behind the curtains.





"My clever Little Chipmunk has a new hiding place," said Poppy. "But where, oh where can he be?" Poppy heard a gigale<sup>1</sup> He saw a lump under

Poppy heard a giggle<sup>1</sup>. He saw a lump under his newspaper. "Do I see a tail?" he asked.



1. giggle: silly laughter

"You found my new hiding place, Poppy!" said Little Chipmunk.



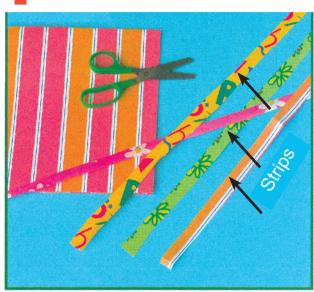




Poppy gave Little Chipmunk a hug. "Will you always find me, Poppy?" asked Little Chipmunk. "Yes, I always will," said Poppy, "because you are my favorite little one."



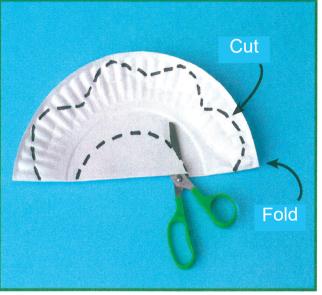
# Hang up a Flower Garden



SOMETHING

let's MAKE

Cut wrapping paper into thin strips.

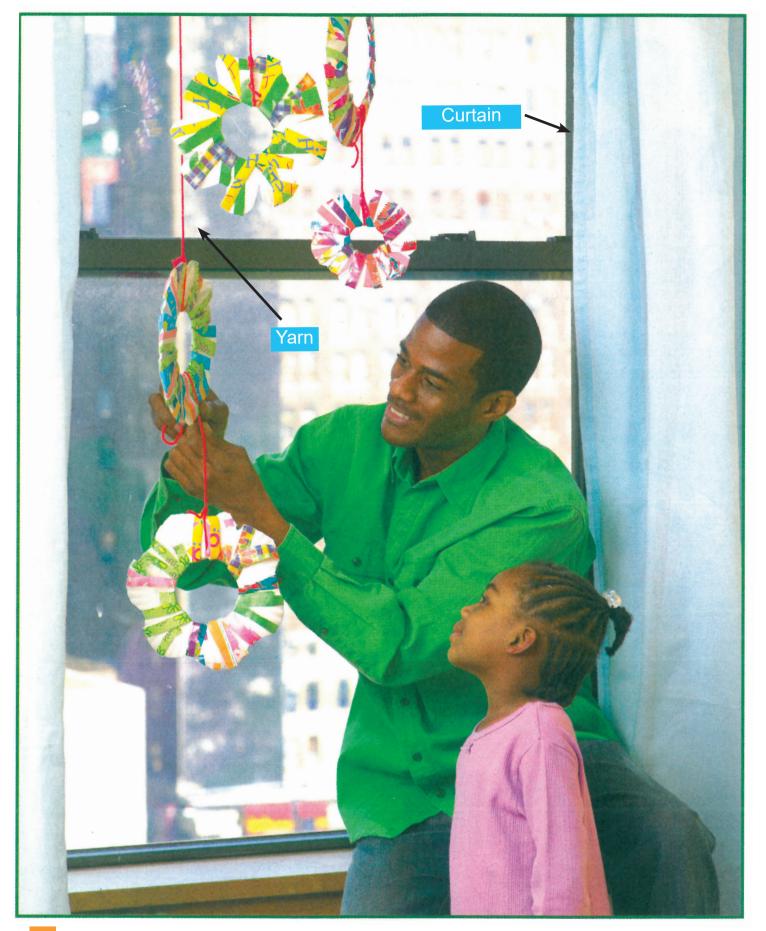


2. Fold a paper plate in half. Cut it into a flower shape.





Tape the end of a paper strip to the plate. Wrap the strip around the plate and tape the other end down. Add more strips.



**4.** Tie a piece of yarn around each flower, and make a hanging garden. Hang your flowers from a curtain rod, or tape them to a window.







# **Dara and Sara** Around Iran

