

## ***The Truth About Dragons***

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(Reading level: 7 and up)

### **Things to talk about:**

Do you think there were real dragons long ago?

How are dragons born?

What is one thing that is different about Chinese dragons?

What is a dragon's home called?

What do dragons especially love?

Why is dragons' skin so tough?

What is a baby dragon called?

### **Learn more about dragons**

Suggested Reading:

*Where Did All the Dragons Go?* By Fay Robinson

*A Poor Excuse for a Dragon* by Geoffrey Hayes

*The Reluctant Dragon* by Kenneth Grahame

### **Tickle the funny bone time**

Why do dragons sleep in the day time?

*So they can hunt knights*

What do you get when a dragon sneezes?

*Out of the way*

What do you do if you find a blue dragon?

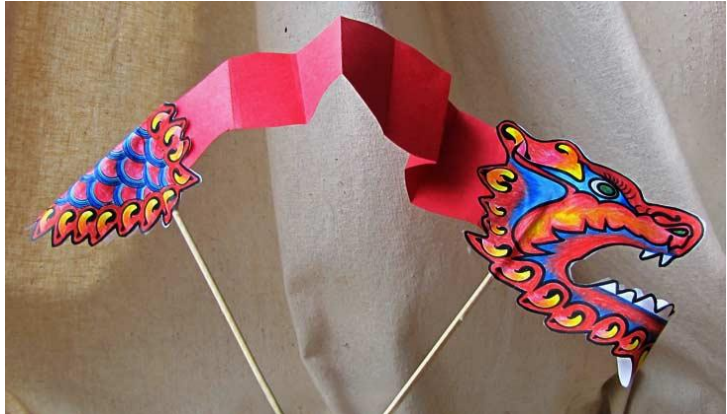
*Try to cheer him up.*

What did the grape say when the dragon stepped on him?  
*Nothing, he just let out a little wine.*

Why did the dragon go on a diet?  
*He weighed too much for his scales.*

## Dragon Craft Suggestions

Make Dragon Puppet  
(<https://www.woojr.com/dragon-paper-craft/>)



Make Dragon Masks (<https://mrprintables.com/dragon-masks.html>)



Or find other dragon ideas Online by searching for Dragon Crafts for Kids

**Bible verse suggestion:** Have children write the verse on a coloring page or decorate the page with their own dragon. (search Dragon Coloring Pages)

James 3:5

Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.



## Enjoy the dragon cupcakes as you read the suggested books

### Dragon Cupcakes



Dragon head (half a pear), eyes (smashed miniature marshmallows and mini chocolate chips), ears (cashew halves, carve out a small hole in the pear to hold them), nostrils (raisins). Cut red fruit rollup into triangles to make “scales” on the cupcakes. Place the pear half on a tray and arrange the cupcakes as the dragon’s body. You can cut wings out of colored paper and glue to chopsticks to stick in the cupcakes.

### Suggested Reading:

*The Dragon’s Cold* by John Talbot

*There’s No Such Thing as a Dragon* by Jack Kent

*Tell Me A Dragon* by Jackie Morris

*Fire-breather’s Academy* by Tina Galiardi

### Optional Activity as time permits:

#### Play Catch the Tail on the Dragon

This traditional Chinese game is best played with a large group. To play, arrange kids in a single-file line, and instruct each to hold onto the waist of the person in front of them. Tuck a bandana into the pocket of the last one in the line. The “head of the dragon” (head of the line) leads the line in chasing the “tail” (the last in line) as they try to grab the bandana without anyone letting go of the person in front of them. The middle of the line tries to keep the head from catching the tail, resulting in lots of tangled-up fun! Once the bandana is captured from the tail, the tail becomes the head and they play again.

