



## WATER-MOON GUANYIN

The Water-Moon Guanyin followed the Buddha's rules for good living and was given the chance to live in Nirvana, a world of never-ending happiness. However, Guanyin instead chose to stay in this world and help all living creatures through difficult times.

This statue is over 600 years old and shows Guanyin sitting at the edge of the sea, meditating on the moon's reflection in the water. While mediating, she becomes aware of the distress in the world and offers comfort and guidance.

In the space around the Water-Moon Guanyin, draw the messages and images she might be receiving from the world today. Discuss your ideas with an adult or another family member.

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*Water-Moon Guanyin* (Shuiyue Guanyin). China, Hebei province. 15th century. Bronze, originally gilded, with blue and red pigment. 61 3/4 x 41 x 33 in. The Baltimore Museum of Art: Julius Levy Memorial Fund, BMA 1944.80



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