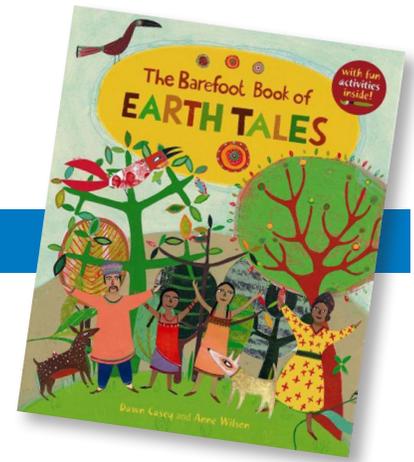


# The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales



## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Nature, World Cultures, Folk Tales

**Book Brief:** This book shares seven folk tales about Mother Nature from seven different cultures around the world.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, build background:** A folk tale is a story that's been told by people for a long time. Does your child know any folk tales?

As you read, compare them. What do they tell us about how we should treat nature?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ Where does this story come from?
- ◆ Do you think it's based on a true story? Why or why not?
- ◆ What is the lesson, or moral, of the story?

**While reading, make comparisons:** This book will work best if you read one or two tales at a time.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### STINK WATER VEGETABLE STEW

Ingredients: 1 can chicken or vegetable broth, 1 can peeled tomatoes, 2 cups water, vegetables (potato, carrots, celery, corn, etc.), salt and pepper to taste

Mix ingredients in a large pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cook for 30 mins. or until potato slices are cooked. You can use whatever vegetables you have, fresh or frozen. Collect peels and veggie waste in a "stink water" bowl to put outside or in the garden for compost.

### FAMILY FOLK TALES

Materials: paper, pencils or pens, crayons or markers, stapler or hole punch and ribbon

Tell your child a few true stories about your family. Help them exaggerate the stories to be more like folk tales. Your child should write down the stories and

draw a picture to go with each. Bind the stories into a book of family tales with a stapler or a hole punch and ribbon.

### LITTLE HOUSE FOR A FAIRY

Materials: old boxes/cartons, scrap materials, glue or tape, markers

Build a little house for a fairy! Use empty boxes and other scrap materials to make a home for a little family. Be sure to decorate your house. You can even make tiny furniture to go inside!

### TECHNOLOGY LINKS

Explore more folk tales from around the world at [www.worldoftales.com/folktales.html](http://www.worldoftales.com/folktales.html).

Find audio and video recordings of folk tales at [www.ccb.lis.illinois.edu/storytellingaudio.html](http://www.ccb.lis.illinois.edu/storytellingaudio.html).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Don't Wake the Beastie!* (2011)

*Fox Fables* (2005)

*The Great Race* (2008)



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