

The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales



A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

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: Explain that a folk tale is a story that's been told by a group of people for a long time. It's usually a true story that's been *exaggerated*, or a made up story that teaches a lesson or explains how something in nature happened. Do the children know any folk tales? Read one story at a time; find each story's setting on a map.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

FAMILY FOLK TALES (AGES 6-12)

Materials: paper, pencils or pens, crayons or markers
Have each child think of a true family story, or a true story that happened to them, and exaggerate it to be like a folk tale. Kids should write and illustrate their family folk tales. Bind the stories together into a book or display them on a bulletin board.

SHAPE SHIFTING (AGES 5-12)

Materials: paper, magazines, scissors, glue, crayons or markers

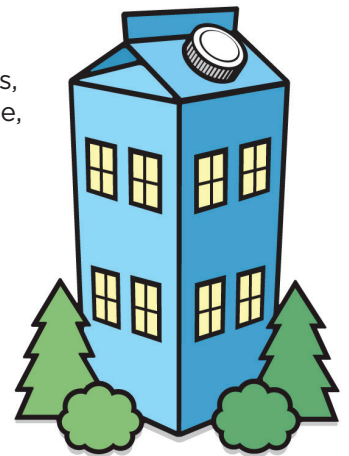
If you could be any shape you wanted, what would you look like? Would you have wings like a bird? A tail like a monkey? Cat ears? Draw a picture of yourself. From a magazine, cut out different animal *traits* or parts you'd like to have. Glue them to your picture to make your perfect shape!



LITTLE HOUSE FOR A FAIRY (AGES 5-12)

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

Build a fairy house! Use empty boxes and other materials you find around the center to make a home for a fairy 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.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Don't Wake the Beastie! (2011)
Fox Fables (2005)
The Great Race (2008)

Reading
Is Fundamental
until every child reads