

# Tea Cakes for Tosh

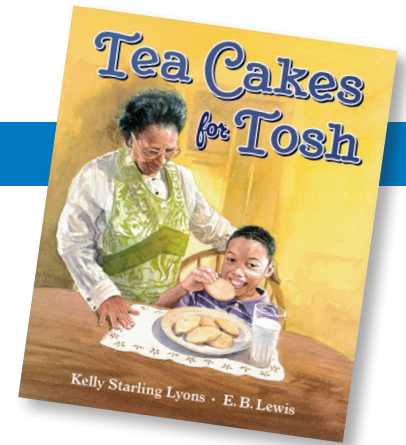
## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

**Themes:** Compassion, Family History, Traditions, Memory Loss

**Book Brief:** This book is about a young boy who helps his aging grandmother remember their family history through stories and the tradition of making tea cakes.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Ask children what they know about family traditions. How are their own family traditions passed from one generation to the next? What is a favorite family recipe that they have? Tell them that they are going to read a story about a boy who helps his grandmother remember a family tradition of making tea cakes.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### MEMORY WORKOUT GAME (AGES 5-12)

Materials: a tray with a variety of 10-12 items found around your center

Give your memory a workout! Arrange objects on a tray in random order. Give the children 1-2 minutes to memorize the items on the tray. Then cover the tray. Challenge children to list as many items as they can remember. Check to see how the group did. Discuss why this task is difficult. Repeat to improve score and memory. This activity works well for small groups, too.

### RANDOM ACTS OF KINDESS (AGES 5-12)

Materials: paper, crayons, markers, snack mix or cookies (pre-made or made together at your center)

Have children at your center brighten an older person's day by creating cards for senior citizens. Have children package cookies or snack mix and attach to cards. Take to a senior center or nursing home as a group to share in the joy of random acts of kindness toward others.

### FAMILY PORTRAIT SCRAPBOOKS (AGES 5-12)

Materials: construction paper, markers, crayons, stickers, yarn

Pictures are a great way to hold onto memories. Have the children create a family scrapbook of important events. Children can draw and write in their scrapbook pages about their family memories and important events such as trips, new siblings, their home, pets, and more! Use yarn or ribbon to secure pages together as a book.



### TECHNOLOGY LINK

Meet the author; learn about her books and more at: [www.kellystarlinglyons.com/index.html](http://www.kellystarlinglyons.com/index.html).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Ellen's Broom* (2012)

*Hope's Gift* (2012)

*One Million Men and Me* (2007)



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