

Tulalip Lushootseed Family Activity

Group Story

Storytelling Unit

The Storytelling unit covers the traditional art of Storytelling, learning about traditional storytellers and the stories they shared with the people.

Activity Overview:

This activity is about having families connect through stories. Telling each other stories around the dinner table/fire was a method of storytelling before, and still is. The goal is to have families experience telling stories to each other.

Lushootseed

stab k^{wi} adshuy ʔal k^{wi} sləx̌il
What did you do today?

g^{wat} k^{wi} sʔəshaydx^w ti syəhub
Who knows a story?

ʔal tudi? tuhaʔk^w
A long time ago...

syəhub - *Story*

dx^wsyəhubtx^w - *Storyteller*

ʔiišəd - *Family*

bad - *Dad*

sk^{wuy} - *Mom*

scapaʔ - *Grandpa*

kayə - *Grandma*

sʔəsq^{wu}? - *Gathering/party*

Activity Instructions



- Have your ʔiišəd (family) gather, it can be during a dinner or at a sʔəsq̣ʷuʔ (party).
- You can start with simple swiliq̣ʷ (questions), since any syəhub (story) counts as a syəhub (story).
- Ask ʔiišəd (family) about their sləxil (days), how is kayə/scapaʔ/sḳʷuy/bad (grandma/grandpa/mother/father), what did someone learn today (anyone can learn, not just at school)?
- When someone finishes their syəhub (story), prompt another syəhub (story) from another person.
- If people feel comfortable, someone can lələl' ʔtxʷ (record) the syəhub (stories) on their səxʷq̣ʷiʔaadačiʔ (phone). slələl' ʔtxʷ (Recordings) like this are treasures for many ʔiišəd (families).

