



## Oral Storytelling

### Rooting Our Stories

**Goal:** Tell a story about something you learned or experienced, or about the values and traditions in your family.

**[Tip]:** Storytelling engages others with past experiences, in order to pass knowledge and traditions to younger generations.

**Why is this important?** Oral storytelling is a meaningful way to share experiences and traditions, to develop personal identity and empathy for others.

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