



LESSON ONE

CREATION

Objective/Goal:

Children will be able to grasp the concepts and characters of the Creation story as established through the oral tradition of their Tribe.

Setting the stage for learning

Play soothing music, such as nature sounds or soft flute music, as children are gathered together for Circle Time. Tell a narration of the Creation Story from your tribe or use the example provided. Most tribes have their own version of the Creation Story complete with Hero figures portrayed as Stars, Plants, Trees or Animals. Parents or grandparents may be invited to become involved in this lesson as storytellers. Talk to the children about who the characters of the story are and where the story takes place.

Take a look at all of your classroom areas to decide what types of materials can be added to extend learning time and methods. Possible materials to add to your room for this lesson may include: baby dolls, puppets, flannel board pieces for storytelling, long rope to represent the reed, dirt, plants, seeds, globe, yellow, white, black, blue paints, plastic animals and bugs.

Storytelling

A creation story from the Southwest will be used as an example for this lesson. Source: Bruchac, Joseph & Caduto, Michael J. "Four worlds: The Dine Story of Creation" Native American Stories. Golden, CO: Fulcrum Publishing, 1991. Used with permission from Keepers of the Earth by Michael J. Caduto. (c) 1988. Fulcrum Publishing, Inc., Golden, Colorado. All rights reserved.