



**Cultural Activities**

<b>Activity Name</b>	Pass On A Magical Tale
<b>Activity Background</b>	Moroccan
	
<b>Aim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaining knowledge of different cultural practices and world views</li> <li>• Children are connected with and contribute to their world</li> <li>• Children are confident and involved learners</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting Information</b>	<p>The tradition of oral storytelling in Morocco is a long-held one that involves a story narrator travelling around to country fairs or village and town squares bringing to life vivid tales which have been passed down for generations. In Morocco these storytellers are called halaka. Unfortunately, this tradition is becoming a rare art form. Help to keep oral storytelling alive through the following activity.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Activity</b></p>	<p>Sit the group into a circle. Each person should receive a picture. One person starts the tale off with a few sentences, which must also include a mention of their picture/object. The following person will then add a few of his or her own sentences to the tale and so on until the story reaches a conclusion. The story could also be jump-started with a few beginning words such as, "It was a sunny afternoon when suddenly..."</p> <p>Activity can involve story derived from one person's picture, or each person has to add his picture into the story.</p> <p>This activity is an improvisation exercise that helps to encourage creativity and story building skills.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Materials</b></p>	<p>A picture or small object for each participant to build his or her story around.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suitability</b></p>	<p>Suitable for ages 6+</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ideas for extending the activity</b></p>	<p>The story could be started with a pre-selected title, theme or genre.</p> <p>Try the activity without the aid of a picture or object.</p> <p>Storytellers are divided into groups of 3 or 4. Each person must tell a story, either a fictional story or a true one. The rest of the group must then guess whether or not the tale told was true or made-up. This should be repeated by each group-member.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>References and additional information materials</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.caribbeanchildren.com/">http://www.caribbeanchildren.com/</a>  <a href="http://worldmusic.nationalgeographic.com">http://worldmusic.nationalgeographic.com</a>  <a href="http://www.mapsofworld.com/south-america/culture/music.html">http://www.mapsofworld.com/south-america/culture/music.html</a>  <a href="http://crafts.kaboose.com/maracas.html">http://crafts.kaboose.com/maracas.html</a></p>