



Activity for Somalia

Story-Telling

The Somalis have a very rich story-telling tradition. Many Somali tales have been passed from generation to generation. Most often these stories are intended to teach a lesson. Usually the characters in the stories are animals with unacceptable behavior or qualities like greed, theft, lying, etc.

Have the children sit in a circle on the floor. Explain this type of story format and have a volunteer begin to tell a story. After he has told a bit of the story, move to the next person, letting him share. Continue around the circle. Let the very last person in the circle conclude the story with the lesson that was learned.