

Lesson 30 - Mama, Do You Love Me?

Aims

To learn that parents love for children is the same as God's love and lasts forever

To learn that parents love their children no matter what they do

Materials

- * Mama, Do You Love Me? by Barbara M. Joose
- * a large line drawing of a heart
- * Picture of a family or picture from the story to cut and paste
- * heart-shaped stickers
- * Scissors & glue

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
2. Story & Discussion
3. Activity - cut & paste pictures
4. Review aims of lesson
5. Prayer

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1) Introduction

What does your mother do to show that she loves you? Does she love you when you are naughty? Does she love you when she is angry? Today's story is called Mama, Do You Love Me?,

2) Story & Discussion

- * The story is about an Inuit Indian girl who lives on the Arctic Tundra of North America. It is a universal and timeless story of a child testing the limits of her independence. This story focuses on one simple question. Will their parents always love them no matter what the child does. The answer is a very clear yes

Discussion

- * The girl asks Mama "How much do you love me?" She says she loves her daughter more than a raven loves his treasure, more than a dog loves his tail and more than a whale loves his spout. How much does your mother love you? Can you show with your arms?
- * The girl asks Mama, "How long will you love me?" She says, until the umiak flies into the darkness, the stars turn to fish and the puffin howls. How long will your mother love you?

- * The girl asks Mama, “What if I broke some eggs?” She says, I would still love you. When you have an accident and break something does your mother get upset and angry? Does she still love you?
- * The girl asks Mama, “What if I do naughty things?” She says, I would still love you. When you do naughty things what does your mother say? Does she still love you?
- * The girl asks Mama, “What if I turned into the meanest bear?” She says, I would still love you.
- * The girl asks Mama, “What if I ran away?” She says, I would still love you.
- * If you don’t obey your mother, how does she feel. If you lie, how does she feel? If you fight with your brothers and sisters how does she feel? She may be sad or angry, but she will still love you, No matter what you do wrong, no matter how old you are, your mother will still love you. It is the same with your father. He will love you forever. Parents’ love is the same as God’s love and God will always love us, because we are His children.

3) Activities

- * Cut and paste picture of a family or picture from the story onto the large heart. Add heart stickers for decoration

4) Review the lesson aims

To learn that parents love for children is the same as God’s love and lasts forever

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5) Prayer

- * Say a prayer to thank God for their mother and father’s love

Mama, Do You Love Me?

by Barbara M. Joose

Mama, do you love me?

Yes, I do, Dear One.

How much?

I love you more than the raven loves his treasure, more than the dog loves his tail, more than the whale loves his spout.

How long?

I'll love you until the umiak (canoe) flies into the darkness, till the stars turn to fishing the sky, and the puffin howls at the moon.

Mama, what if I carried our eggs – our ptarmigan eggs! – and I tried to be careful, and I tried to walk slowly, but I fell and the eggs broke?

Then I would be sorry. But still, I would love you.

What if I put salmon in your parka(coat), ermine in your mittens, and lemmings in your mukluks(boots)?

Then I would be angry.

What if I threw water at your lamp?

Then, Dear One, I would be very angry. But still, I would love you.

What if I ran away?

Then I would be worried.

What if I stayed away and sang with the wolves and slept in a cave?

The, Dear One, I would be very sad. But still, I would love you.

What if I turned into a musk-ox?

Then I would be surprised.

What if I turned into a walrus?

Then I would be surprised and a little scared.

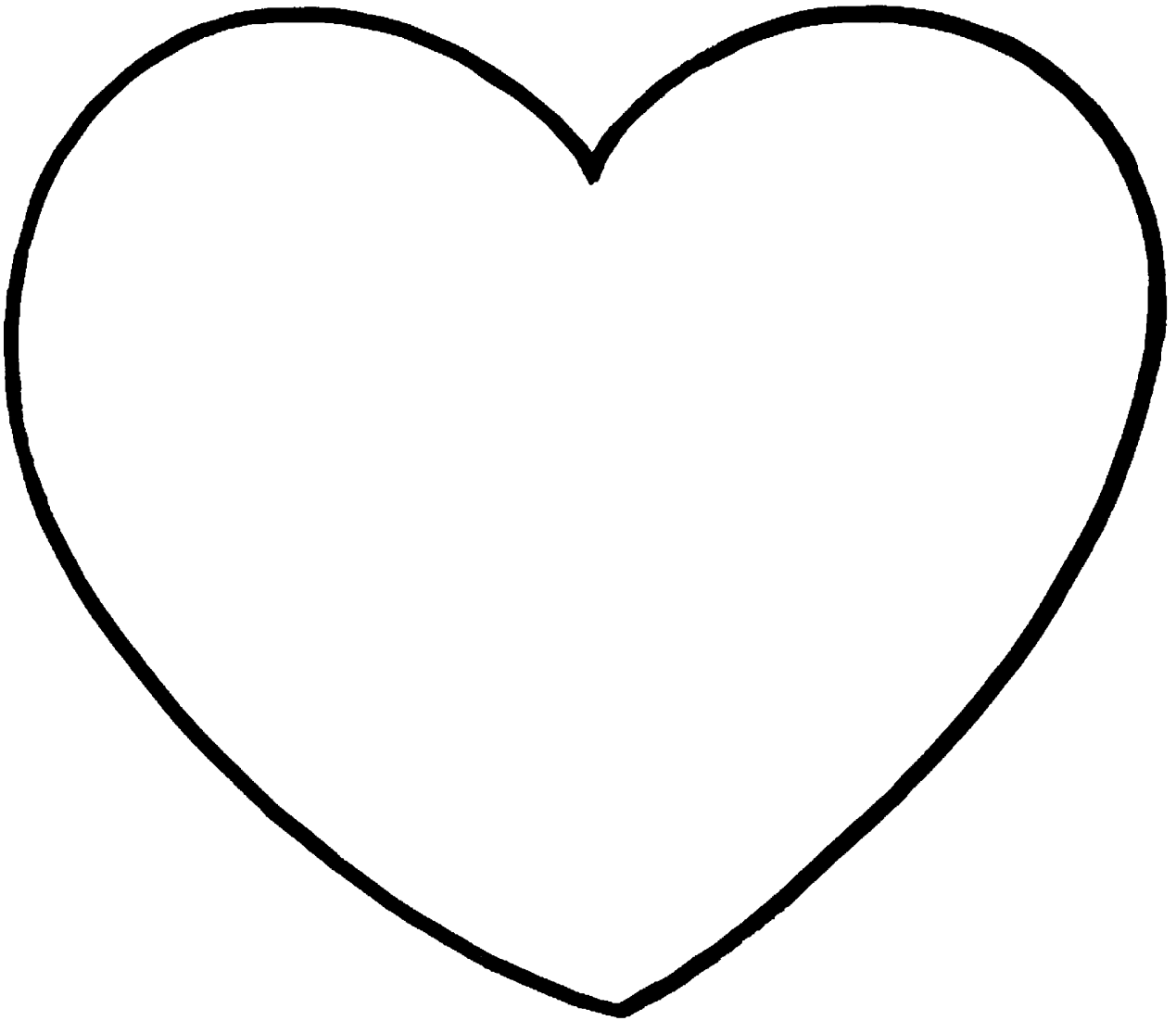
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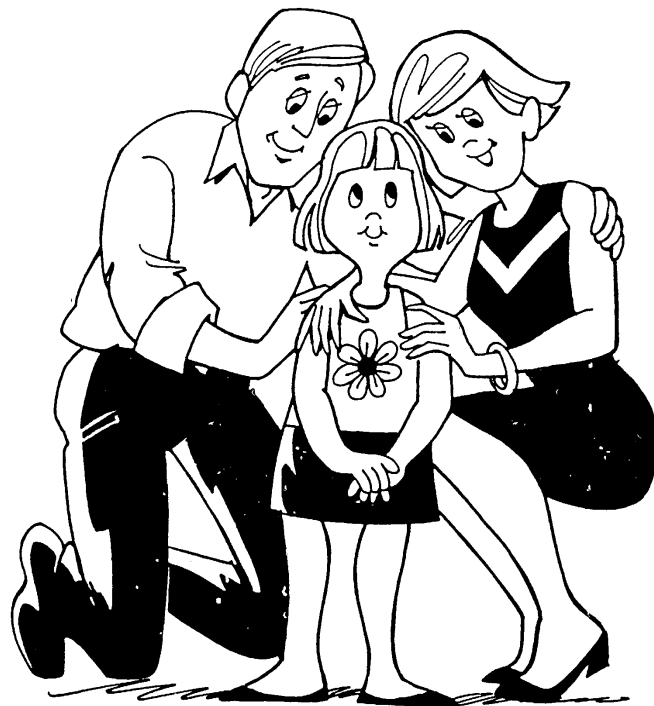
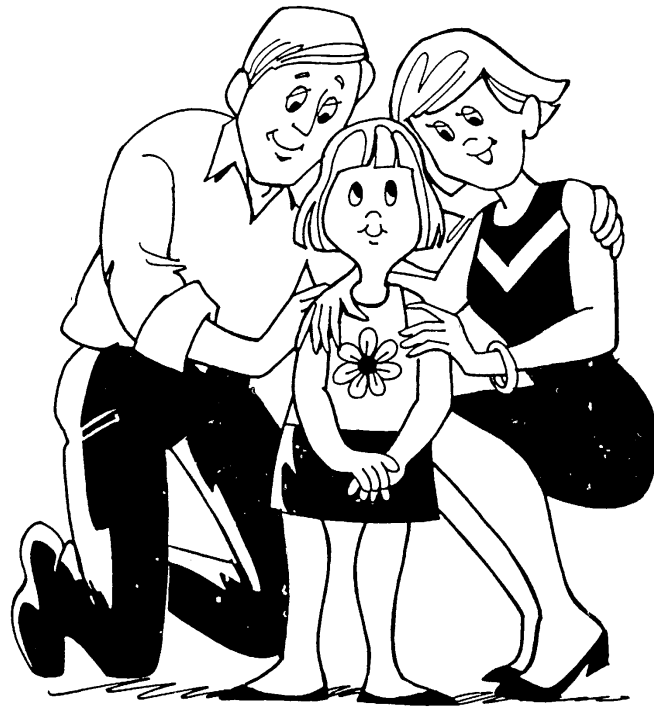
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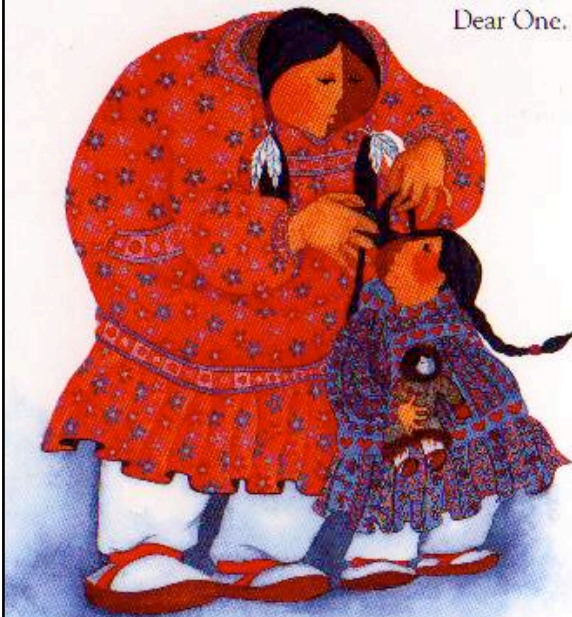
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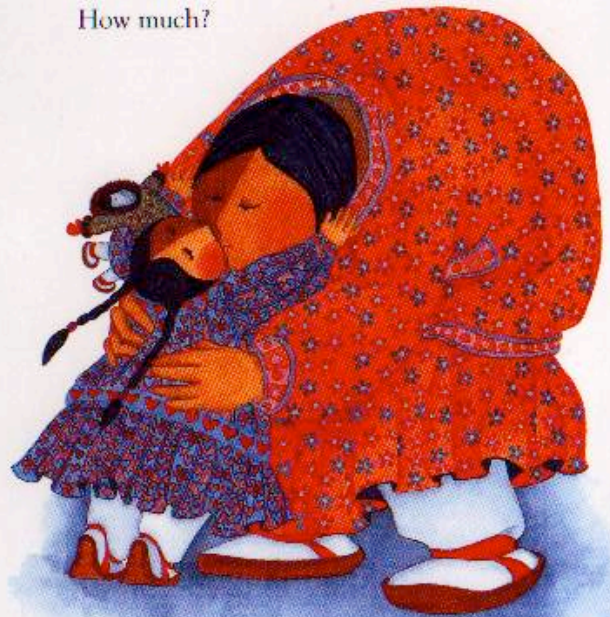


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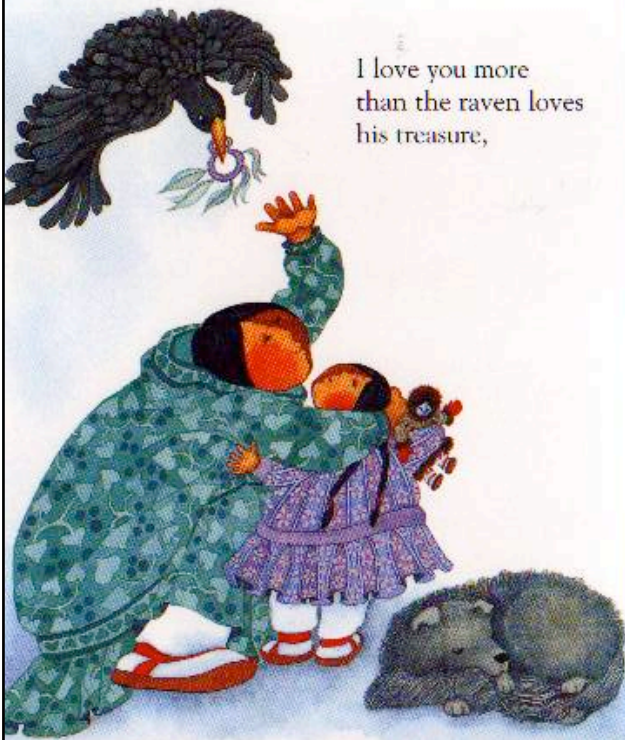
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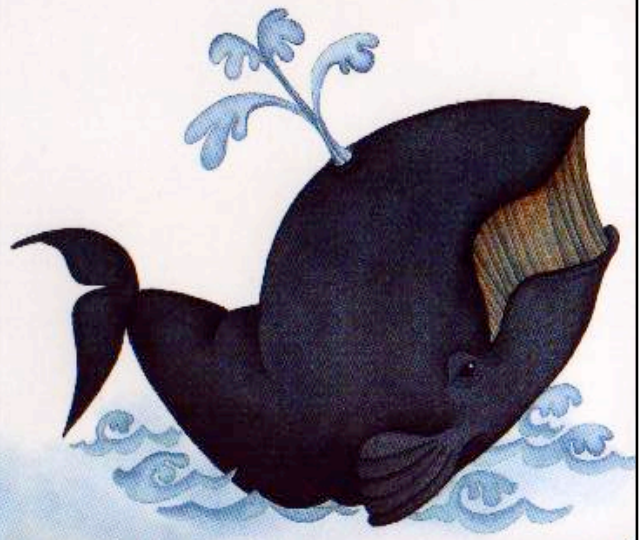
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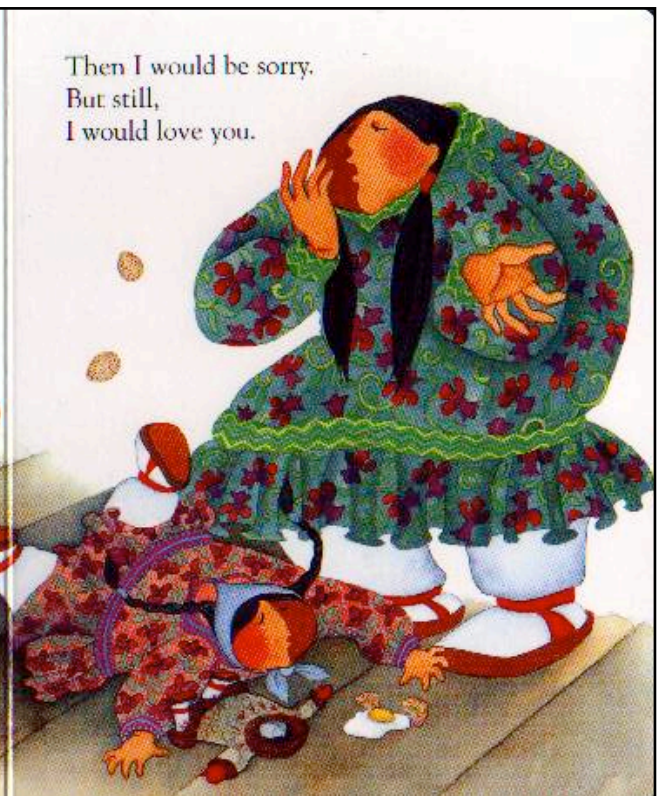
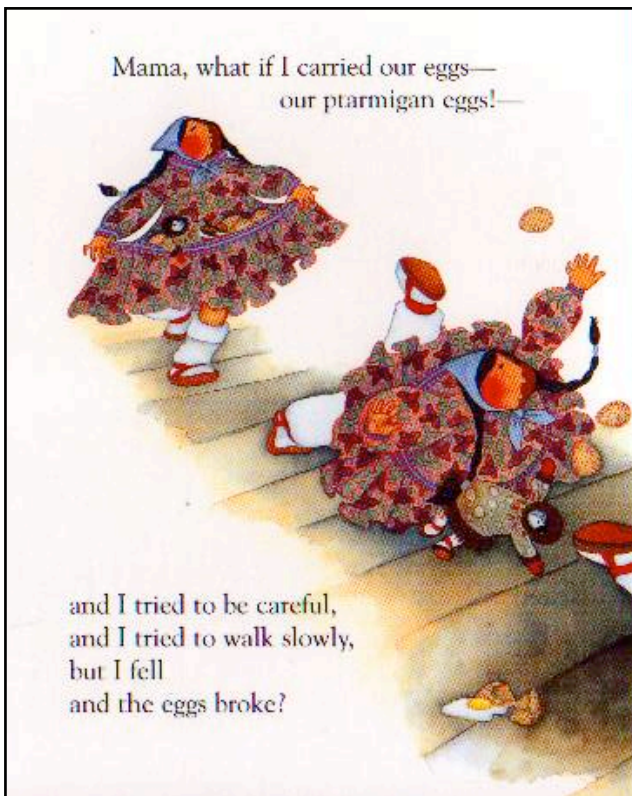
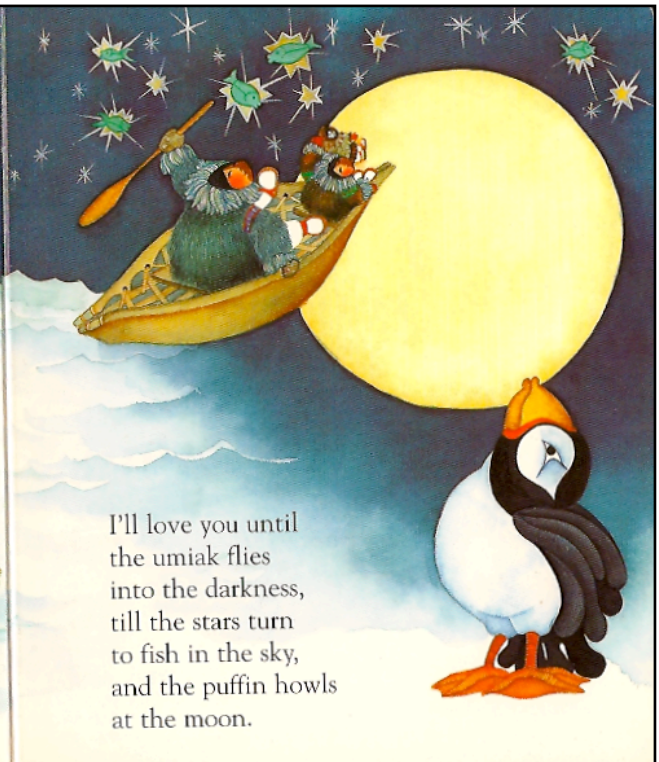


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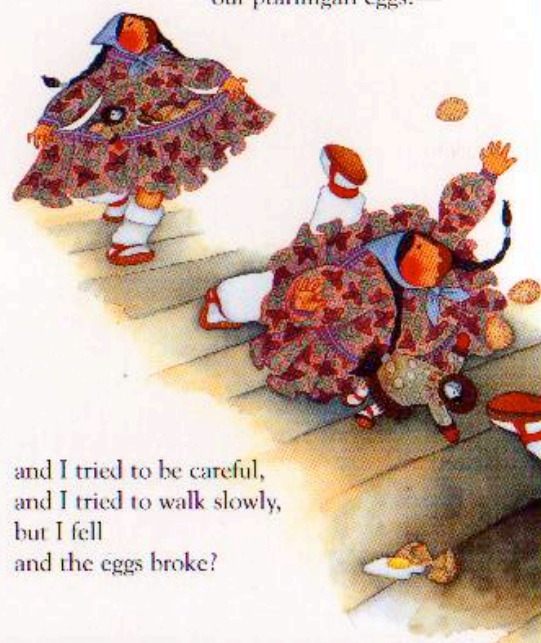


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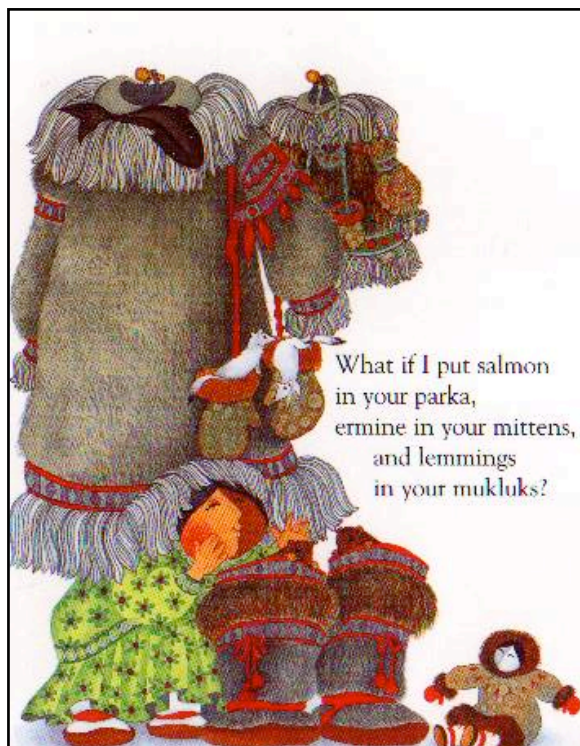
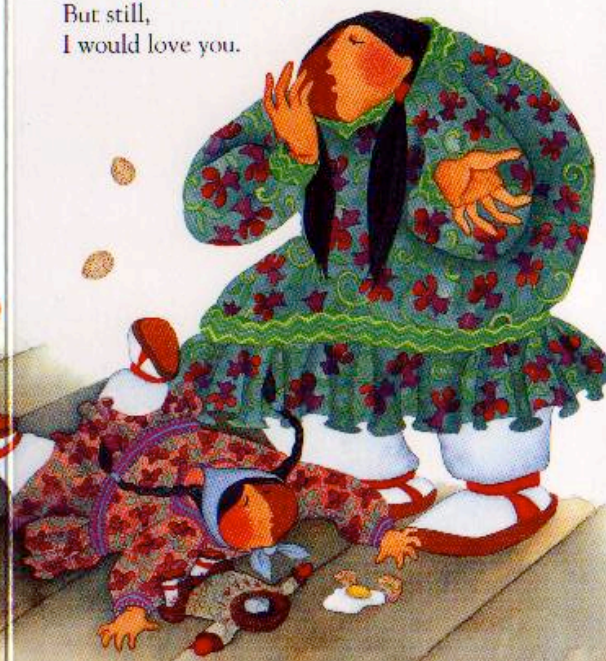


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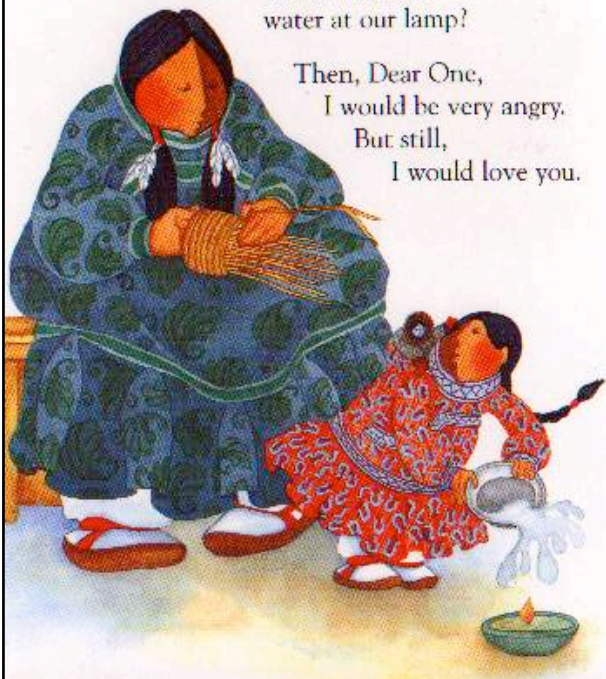
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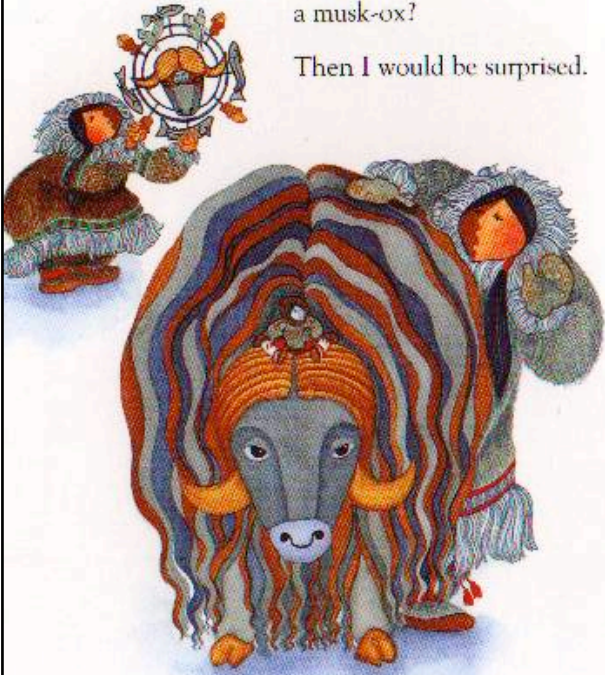


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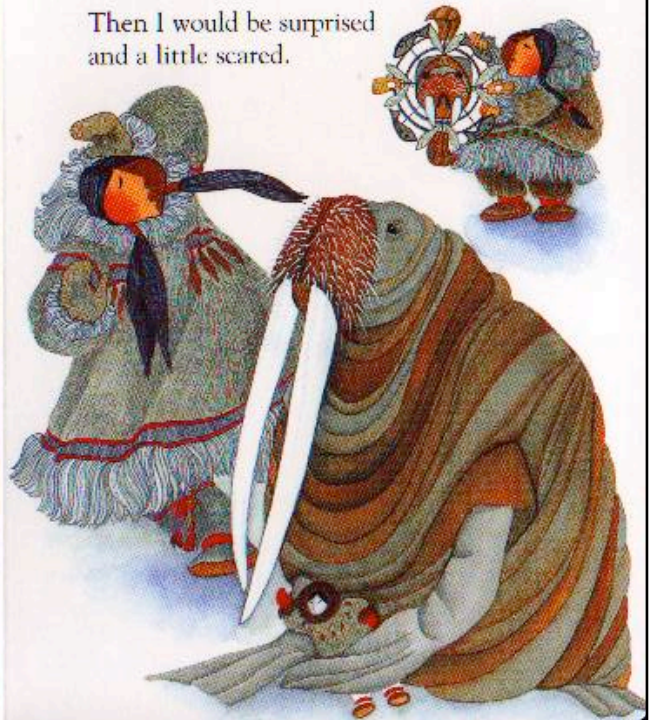
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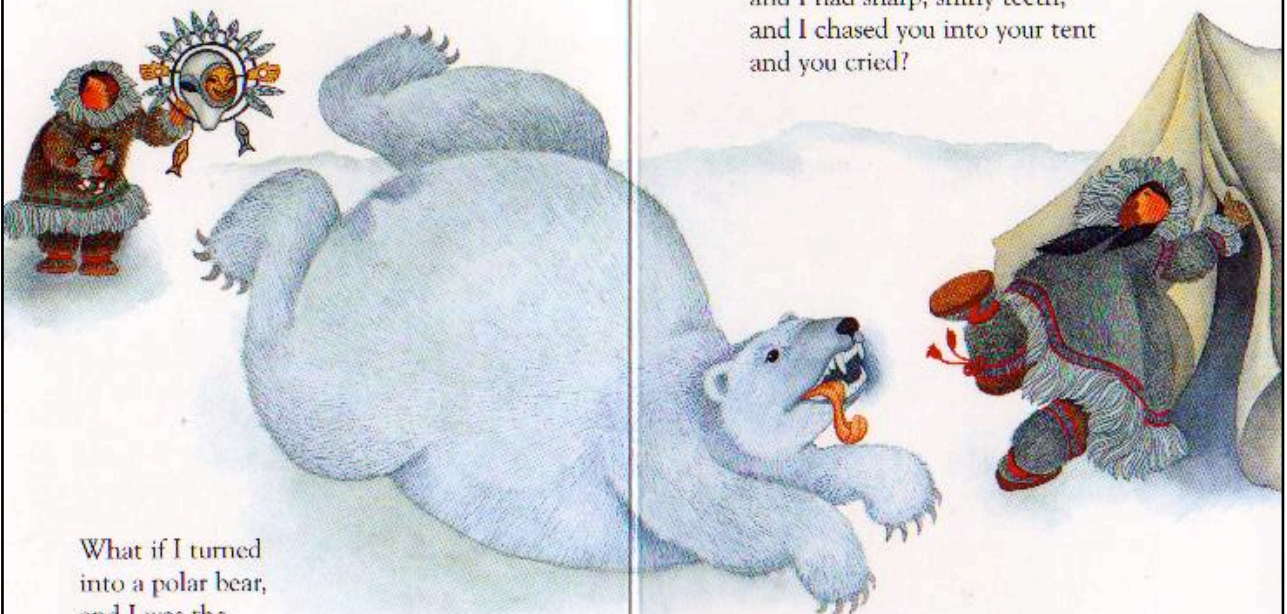


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