



# School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “In the Days of King Adobe,” a folktale retold by Joe Hayes. In this tale, a poor old woman invites two strangers to stay for the night and serves them slices of her treasured ham. In the middle of the night, the rogues take the ham and hide it in a traveling bag. But the old woman has observed this, and she substitutes an adobe brick for the ham. When the young men open the bag at lunchtime the next day, they discover that they are not as clever as they thought.

## Tales from Other Places, Other Times

Borrow a library book of folktales set in other parts of the world. As you read the tales with your child, ask questions: *What do the people in this folktale wear? What do they eat? How do they earn a living?* Then discuss what these stories tell about their cultures.

## VOCABULARY

### Describe Characters

The following words are new vocabulary your child has learned while reading “In the Days of King Adobe”:

thrifty	generous
rascally	roguish
fascinated	

Discuss the meanings of these words with your child. Then join with him or her and other family members to think of people or characters you have heard of who are *thrifty* or *generous*, who are *rascally* or *roguish*, or who are *fascinated* by many things.



### TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

### What Can People Do?

In this story a wise woman comes up with a clever trick to keep two thieves from getting away with stealing her ham. Talk with your child about different ways people stop crimes and other harmful acts.

### Discuss Clever Characters

Ask your child to explain what the old woman did to outwit the two roguish young men. Then work with your child to make a list of clever characters who work to stop crime in movies, in books, and on TV shows.

