

Joey Scout Section

Date:

Theme: International ---Canada

Meeting Type: Normal

Leader:

Time	Methods of Learning	Activity	Equipment	Leader
00	Ceremonies	Opening Ceremony and Welcome Tell Joeys they have become beavers because they are in a country that does not have kangaroos or joeys. Discuss (and compare) the beaver promise .	Beaver Promise: I promise to love God and to help take care of the world.	
05	Game	Beaver in the lodge: Form small circle of three or four beavers. They should hold hands to form lodges. A child representing a beaver should stand in each lodge. Have one more beaver than there are lodges. On signal the beavers must change lodges. The one left out becomes "it" for the next game. After a few minutes have the children change places. (Ref: "Australian Scout" Feb. 1995)		
10	Story	Dream Catchers		
15	Craft	Dream Catcher 1. Wind the wool around the circle until it is completely covered with a thick layer of wool. Make a loop to hang the catcher from. 2. Create a net across the centre of the circle with wool or thread. 3. Add the feathers and beads to pieces of wool in the centre or hanging from the bottom. 4. Hang the catcher over your bed and sleep peacefully.	Wool or nylon strips Feathers Beads Circle made from plastic wire.	
35	Song	Around the Beaver Pond. (Tune: Mulberry Bush) 1. Here we go round the Beaver Pond 2. This is the way we slap our tails 3. This is the way we gnaw down trees 4. This is the way we pack the mud		

		5. This is the way we go to sleep (Ref: "Australian Scout" Feb 1995)		
40	Game	Build a beaver Have a beaver picture cut into a number of pieces (one complete picture for each child). Each joey takes turns in selecting a piece of jigsaw and tries to make his beaver. If he/she already has the piece he returns it to the pile.	Beaver Jigsaw pieces	
45	Story	The Wind and the Sun an Aesop Fable		
55	Ceremony	Closing Ceremony Introduce the joeys to the Beaver Law and Motto. Notices and thankyou	Beaver Law: A beaver has fun, works hard and helps his family and friends. Beaver Motto: Sharing, sharing, sharing	



The Legend of the Dream Catcher

http://www.navajo-coop.org/dreamcatcher_legend.htm

Long ago when the world was young, an old Lakota spiritual leader was on a high mountain and had a vision.

In his vision, Iktomi, the great trickster and teacher of wisdom, appeared in the form of a spider.

Iktomi spoke to him in a sacred language that only the spiritual leaders of the Lakota could understand.

As he spoke Iktomi, the spider, took the elder's willow hoop which had feathers, horse hair, beads and offerings on it and began to spin a web.

He spoke to the elder about the cycles of life ... and how we begin our lives as infants and we move on to childhood, and then to adulthood. Finally, we go to old age where we must be taken care of as infants, completing the cycle.

"But," Iktomi said as he continued to spin his web, "in each time of life there are many forces -- some good and some bad. If you listen to the good forces, they will steer you in the right direction. But if you listen to the bad forces, they will hurt you and steer you in the wrong direction."

He continued, "There are many forces and different directions that can help or interfere with the harmony of nature, and also with the great spirit and-all of his wonderful teachings."

All the while the spider spoke, he continued to weave his web starting from the outside and working toward the center.

When Iktomi finished speaking, he gave the Lakota elder the web and said..."See, the web is a perfect circle but there is a hole in the center of the circle."

He said, "Use the web to help yourself and your people to reach your goals and make good use of your people's ideas, dreams and visions.

"If you believe in the great spirit, the web will catch your good ideas -- and the bad ones will go through the hole."

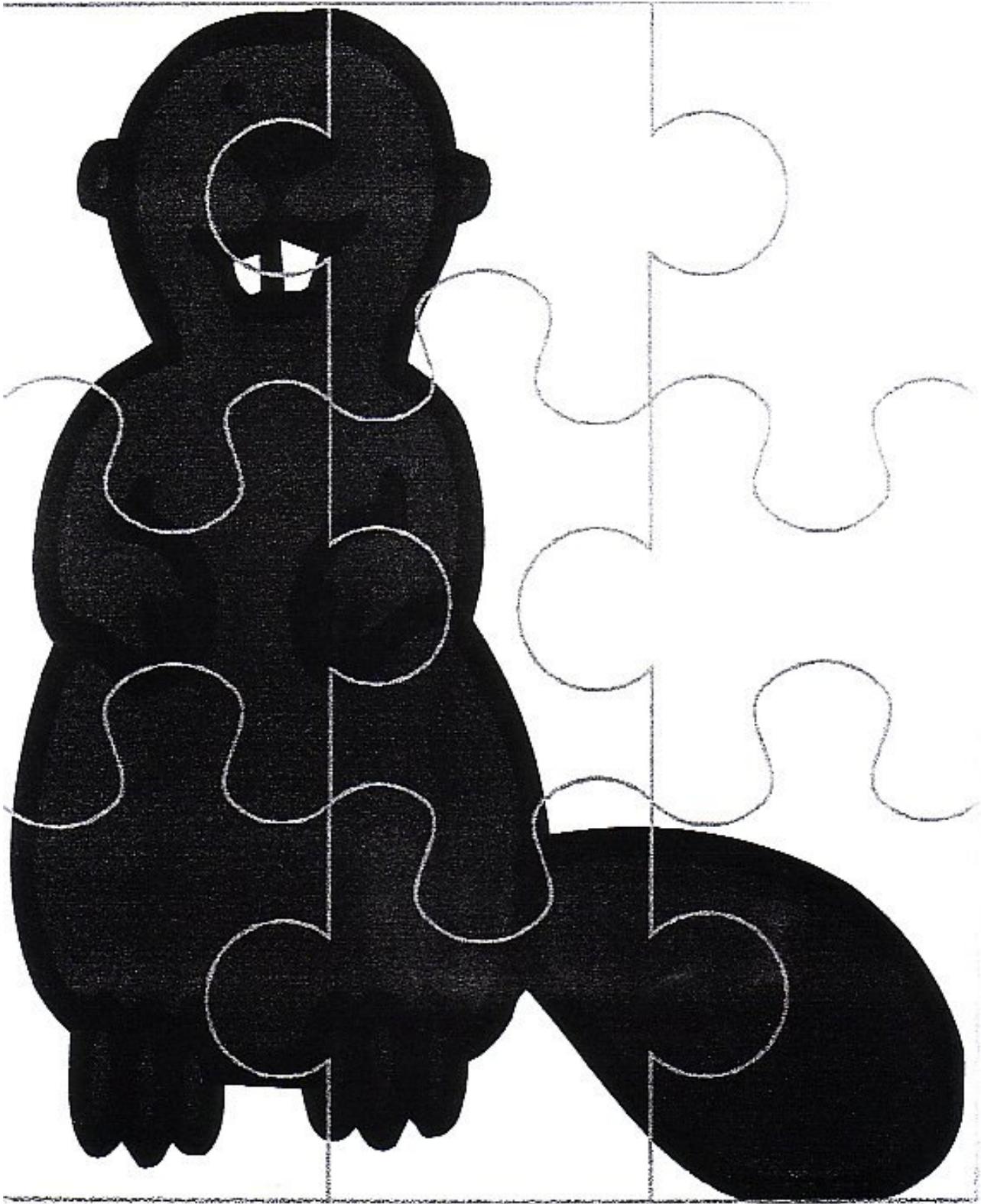
The Lakota elder passed on his vision to his people and now the Sioux Indians use the dream catcher as the web of their life.

It is hung above their beds or in their home to sift their dreams and visions.

The good in their dreams are captured in the web of life and carried with them...but the evil in their dreams escapes through the hole in the center of the web and are no longer a part of them.

They believe that the dream catcher holds the destiny of their future.







Story



The Wind and the Sun—An Aesop Fable

ONE DAY THE WIND AND THE SUN HAD A QUARREL. Each boasted that he was the stronger.

As they argued, they looked down and saw a man walking along the road, going from one town to another. His cloak was fluttering around his shoulders.

"I propose a test," said the Wind. "Whichever one of us can tear the cloak from the back of that man is the stronger. Do you agree?"

"Of course," said the Sun smiling warmly.

The Wind took the first turn. He blew so hard that the trees began to sway back and forth. Kite strings were torn from children's fingers. Clothes hung out to dry were blown off the line.

The man shivered and held tightly to his cloak.

Then the Wind blew up a gale. Leaves and branches were torn from trees. Everyone hurried indoors for shelter.

The man leaned into the wind and held his cloak even tighter. Every time it blew about, he gathered it back around himself. The mighty Wind blew and blew, but he could not tear the cloak away.

"You have failed," said the Sun. "And now it is my turn."

When the Wind stopped the flowers turned their faces to the Sun and the birds began to sing. The children came outside again to play. It was very warm. The man felt hot and thirsty. He came to an inn and stopped to drink a cup of water.

The Sun shone brighter and the man became hotter and hotter. He pulled off his boots. It was much too hot to wear them.

At last he came to a stream. He sat on the bank and dipped his feet in the cool water. But the Sun still shone warmly on his back.

The man could bear the heat of the day no longer. He decided to lie down in the shade of a tree to rest. He took off his cloak and laid it across the grass.

"I have won," said the Sun to the Wind. "As you can see, it is easier to influence people with gentleness than with force."