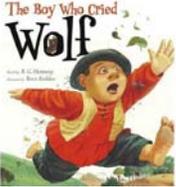
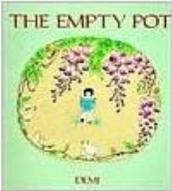
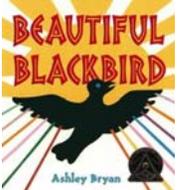
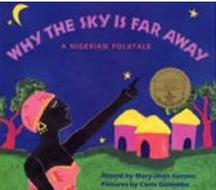
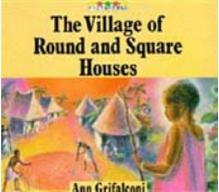


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<p><i>The Boy Who Cried Wolf</i> by B. G. Hennessey</p> 	Pasture	A bored shepherd boy wants some excitement, so three times he cries that wolves are after his sheep. On the first and second time, people from the town run to help him...but there is no wolf. On the third time, when there is a wolf, no one comes because they don't believe him.	If you tell lies, no one will believe you when you tell the truth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What work do shepherds do? • Are wolves the only animals that attack sheep?
<p><i>Empty Pot</i> by Demi</p> 	China	The Emperor of China called the children of the land to tell them he would name a successor – the person who could grow the best flower. He gave each child a seed. Ping, who could grow anything, could not even make the seed sprout.	Honesty is the best policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does an emperor do? • What kinds of plants grow in China? • Do seeds need water and sun to grow?
<p><i>Beautiful Blackbird</i> by Ashley Bryan</p> 	Zambia	The colorful birds of Africa ask Blackbird, whom they think is the most beautiful of birds, to decorate them with some of his 'blackening brew' to make them beautiful as well.	True beauty comes from within. Be proud of who you are and embrace your culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do all birds in Zambia have black markings? • Is black a color? • Research 3 birds found in Africa. What 3 things did you learn about each one?
<p><i>Why the Sky Is Far Away</i> by Mary-Joan Gerson</p> 	Nigeria	The sky was once so close to the Earth that people cut parts of it to eat, but their waste and greed caused the sky to move far away.	This story teaches the value of not wasting food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of weaving did the people of Nigeria do? • How do the people of Nigeria get their food?

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<p><i>Martina the Beautiful Cockroach</i> by Carmen Agra Deedy</p> 	Cuba	Martina the Beautiful Cockroach is 21 days old and ready to take a husband. Each suitor reveals his true character when Martina spills coffee on his shoes. In the end, Martina finds her perfect match,	People are more likely to show their true character when they are upset.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does coffee come from? • What are the characteristics of the Cuban cockroach? • What is café cubano?
<p><i>Priceless Gifts</i> by Martha Hamilton & Mitch Weiss</p> 	Italy	When a merchant finds himself in a land that is overrun by rats, he realizes that he has the most priceless gift in this country, namely his ship's cats. In this classic tale, we learn that one man's cats are another man's treasure and vice versa.	Be thankful for the gifts you receive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are spices and why are they so important? • What do you use the following spices for: cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg. • Where do these spices come from?
<p><i>The Village of Round and Square Houses</i> by Ann Grifalconi</p> 	Tos, Central Africa	The story of the village of Tos--where the women live in round houses and the men live in square ones--is told from the point of view of a young girl who grew up there.	People have places they like to be alone in and places where they like to be together with others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What type of food do the women in Tos prepare for supper? • Where is Tos located? What is the climate there? • What kinds of crops were grown in the village? • What causes volcanoes to erupt?