

# DENE RESOURCES

FOR CHILDREN



AT HOME &



ON THE LAND

**Remember there is nothing more important than family time together during this challenging time. Whether at home or on the land, turn off the electronics and spend time with your children.**



**Use this time as a gift for both traditional learning and family time!**



# Mahsi Cho! Thank you!

Activities during self (family) isolation or social distancing!

WHENEVER POSSIBLE SPEAK IN YOUR INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE.

COUNT STEPS!  
FISH!  
WOOD PIECES AS YOU SPLIT!  
PEOPLE!



TRANSLATE WORKSHEETS FROM SCHOOL INTO YOUR LANGUAGE.

PLAY CARD GAMES LIKE FISH USING NUMBERS IN YOUR LANGUAGE.



Talk, talk, talk with your children in all languages with whatever words you know.

SORTING ACTIVITIES USING INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE.

SORT WASH BY COLOUR OR TONE.  
(LIGHT, DARKS, WHITES)



PUT AWAY DISHES OR GET DISHES NEEDED USING NUMBERS AND ITEMS IN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES.



The Northwest Territories recognizes several official languages, some language resources can be found below:

[North Slavey](#)  
[South Slavey](#)  
[Gwichin](#)  
[Tlicho](#)  
[Chipewyan](#)  
[Cree](#)  
[Inuinnaqtun](#)  
[Inuktitut](#)

Questions to ask when sharing stories - What is similar or different to our way of life? What did we learn from this story?

# ON THE LAND!



Involve children in all on the land activities and make them aware of traditional teachings and landmarks.

How do we know where to go?

How do we prepare for time on the land?

- What is needed?
- How much is needed?

Talk while doing the activities in both languages.

Let children help and try activity depending on age.

Use on the land activities to teach numbers and words.

- count the fish in the net.
- name type of fish in the net in English and Indigenous language.

Take children out hunting, trapping and talk through what you are doing.

- Why are you doing it this way?
- How did you learn?

Sing traditional songs in your language and practice Drum songs.

Cooking.

- Involve children in meal prep and planning.
- make a menu of your favorite meals and create an at home restaurant!



Click the link to learn how to play games like:

**ONE FOOT HIGH KICK  
SNOW SNAKE  
MAKE THE STICK JUMP  
& LACROSSE.**

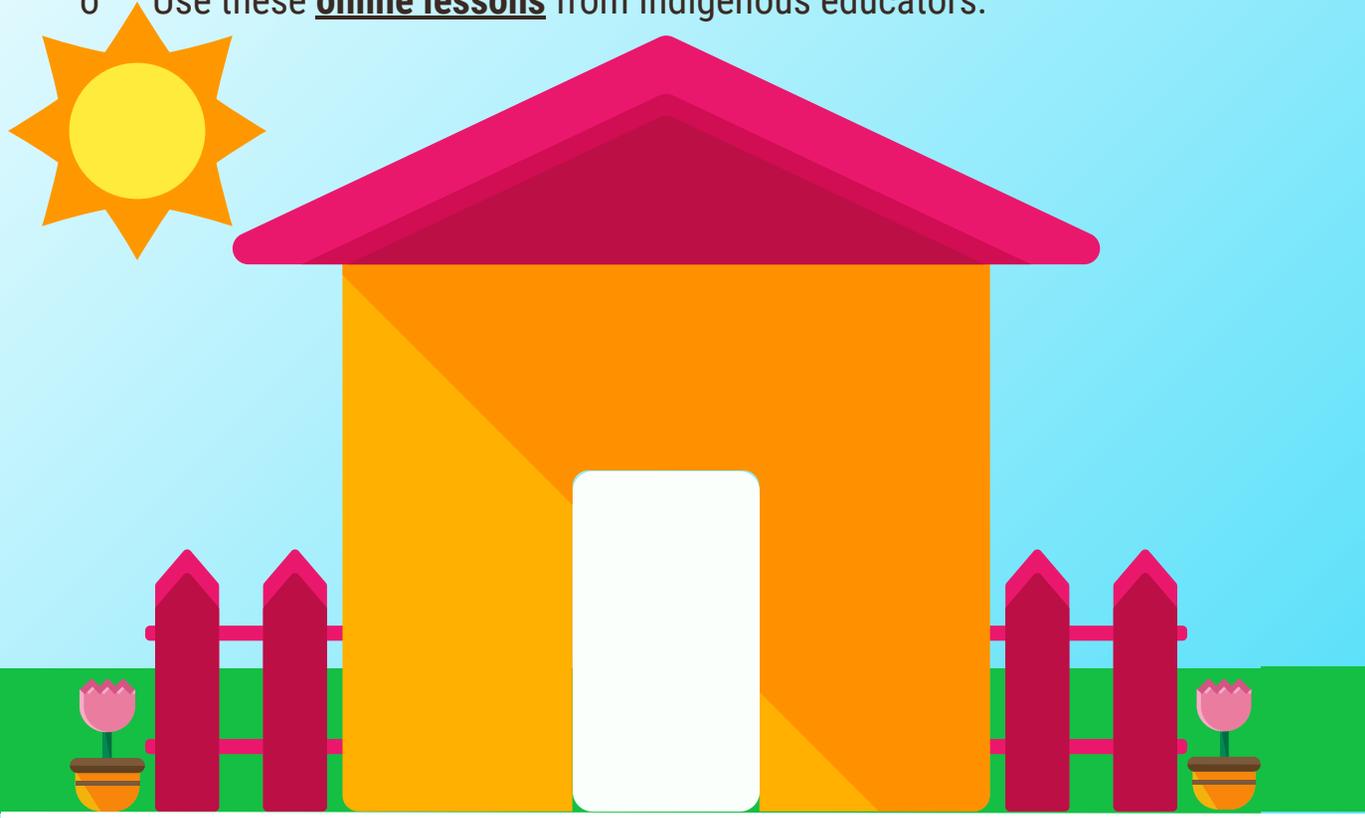
[PLAY OUTSIDE AND TRY TRADITIONAL GAMES!](#)



# AT HOME RESOURCES!

If you are working from home, support your children's learning through online resources:

- o Talk about **books** with your child.
- o Visit museums by taking a **virtual tour**.
- o Take a tour of the First Peoples Exhibit at the **Canadian Museum of History**.
- o Use these **online lessons** from Indigenous educators.



**Thunderbird Strike**

In the 2D sidescroller Thunderbird Strike, fly from the Tar Sands to the Great Lakes as a thunderbird protecting Turtle Island with searing lightning against the snake that threatens to swallow the lands and waters whole.



**Sleep Guardian**

In Sleep Guardian you are a dreamcatcher, tasked with the important job of ensuring the little girl under your care has a good night's sleep. Catch the bad dreams in your web to destroy them, while running into good dreams will give you bonus points.

# GAMES!



**Honour Water**

singing game for healing water (free for iPad!) – songs for Anishinaabemowin, the Anishinaabe language. Songs are gifted by Sharon Day, the Oshkii Giizhik Singers, and elders who collaborated at the Oshkii Giizhik Gathering.



**Never Alone**

Never Alone is a game with art inspired by Alaska Native people



**Spirits of Spring**

Chiwatin, a young Native boy stranded in the northern landscapes of Permanent Winter, is haunted by giant crows. To overcome their cruelty, Chiwatin goes on an inspiring quest to restore Springtime and find the courage to move on.

Inspired by familiar struggles with bullies and isolation, Spirits of Spring is an empathy game rooted in deeply emotional storytelling. Experience the fiercest loyalty in the most unlikely of places!