

# Saltypie

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

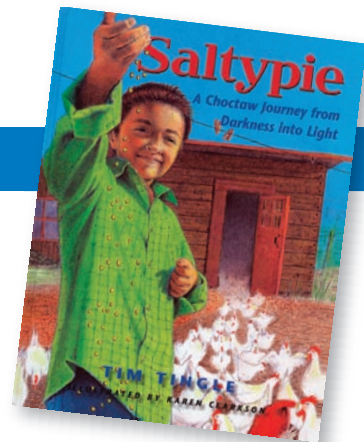
**Themes:** Family Traditions, Perseverance, American Indian Culture

**Grade Level:** 3rd to 6th grade

**Book Brief:** A Choctaw boy shares memories of his grandmother and the lessons she taught him.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, build background:** (Suggestion: Read "How Much Can We Tell Them?" at the end of the book before sharing the story with your child.)

Find out what your child knows about the Choctaw people. Does your child know what a stereotype is? Use this chance to talk about how harmful stereotypes can be.

**While reading, look at the pictures:** How do the illustrations help you to understand the story? What do they tell you about this family?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ Why did the little boy call the blood saltypie?
- ◆ What did the word "saltypie" come to mean in this family?
- ◆ What did the boy find out about Mawmaw?
- ◆ How did her footfalls influence him?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### A-TISKET, A-TASKET

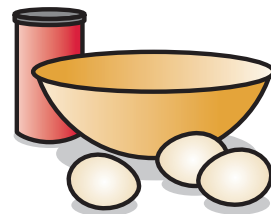
Materials: plastic fruit or berry basket, ribbon, construction paper, stapler, scissors

Hand-woven baskets are important to many cultures, including the Choctaw. Here's a simple way to make a basket that's almost hand-woven. "Weave" different colors of ribbon through the holes in the fruit basket. Tie off the ends. To make a handle, cut out a thin strip of construction paper and staple it to either side of the basket.

### SALTY CRACKER PIE

Ingredients: 3 egg whites, 1 c. sugar, 1 c. pecans (chopped), 1/2 tsp. baking powder, 12 saltine crackers (crushed), 1 tsp. vanilla

1. Beat egg whites until stiff.
2. Slowly add sugar, baking powder and vanilla.
3. Gently stir in pecans and cracker crumbs.
4. Pour mixture into greased pie pan (no crust needed) and bake at 350° for 20 mins. or until golden brown.



### OUT AND ABOUT

Talk to your child about how the world was different when you were growing up. How have things changed in the last 10 years? Are there fewer stereotypes? If you can, let your child have the same conversation with a grandparent or older adult.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Walking the Choctaw Road* (2005), *Spirits: Dark and Light* (2006), *Crossing Bok Chitto* (2006), *When Turtle Grew Feathers* (2007).



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