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Workbook



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In nowadays society the image of children being read national fairy tales and legends by their parents or grandparents seems to disappear. What used to be a daily routine thirty, fifty years ago is now a past time relic that survives only in some of the families as something that “is good to do.” In these days children have so many cartoons and fantasy stories to watch on TV or computer that they have no reason to take a book and read. The aim of the project was to show our pupils that fairy tales and legends are not something that should be taken to the dump of the forgotten past. We wanted them to understand that fairy tales and legends are timeless, they are full of experience, morality, dreams, longings and sense of rightness. They give us a chance that the good conquers the evil, and help us understand what is good and what is bad. So we decided to put fairy tales and legends from different European countries together to show our pupils that all the mankind, regardless of what place they come from, have the same moral grounds, the same hopes and longings, the same notion of what is good and bad. We all grow from similar ground, breathe the same air and fight similar problems. All this is inscribed in fairy tales and legends.

Throughout the project our pupils read and translated four national or regional fairy tales or legends into English to make them available for pupils and teachers from other partner countries. During project meetings all the participants worked with the stories thus exploring national folk heritage that had formed self-determination of all the partner countries. This experience has helped us to understand each other, find similarities and accept differences.

We believe that reading is a very important skill and activity that should be supported and practiced. What is more, teaching through stories is highly motivating for children and provides authentic context for their learning. Therefore we decided to accompany our book of stories with a workbook containing a variety of exercises for each story. To make the learning even more engaging we created various kinds of learning materials such as board games, memory games and on-line materials. All the stories are also available as eBook and audiobook on our project website www.outviaict.com together with all the accompanying materials.

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Hill of Crosses

1. Read the legend 'Hill of Crosses'. Choose the most suitable heading from the list A – G. There is one extra heading you do not need to use.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The origin of the tradition b) A miracle c) A famous place d) A disaster e) A confusion f) A long trip g) A journey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A man had a beloved only daughter. One day she fell gravely ill. They tried so many medications that had been brought by many people. However, drugs didn't help. Child's health was getting worse and day after day the death was nearing. 2) One night father was nursing his sick daughter and at midnight he was so tired and exhausted that he could not help himself and finally fell asleep next to the child. He had a dream that an extraordinary woman in light clothes appeared and said 'If you want your daughter to get better, you should make a wooden cross. It must be carried by you to the hill of the castle near Meškučiai town. Your daughter will overcome the illness when you have placed the cross on the hill.' Having said that the woman vanished. 3) When the man woke up, he could not understand if he had been dreaming or had been thinking about that. He decided to make a beautiful cross and to place it on the hill as soon as possible. The cross was made and sanctified in order to get the daughter recovered. Father's health was not good enough and the cross was heavy. Despite that he brought the cross to the hill of the castle because he had made a promise. The trip took 13 hours. When the cross had been placed, he kissed it. It was the first cross on the hill. 4) On his way back home he met his beloved daughter and wife, who were going to meet him and enjoy the sudden recovery. Father couldn't believe his eyes seeing such a miracle. He couldn't understand if it was real or not. It turned out that the time father left home his daughter's health was getting better and better and when he reached the hill, the daughter recovered from illness. 5) Many people heard about the miracles happening on the hill. They began to act in the same way after they got sick. They promise to make and place a cross on the hill and the next day they get recovered. However, if they don't keep the promise, they fall ill again. 6) In that way many crosses have been placed on the hill since then from all Lithuania and abroad. Despite the fact that many crosses are destroyed by the storms, there are so many of them left like in a dense forest. That's why the hill is well known in Lithuania. |
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2. Find words in the text to match these definitions.

- 1) Seriously (paragraph 1)
- 2) Disappeared or stopped being present or existing, especially in a sudden, surprising way (paragraph 2)
- 3) Made something or someone holy (paragraph 3)
- 4) An unusual and mysterious event that is thought to have been caused by a god because it does not follow the usual laws of nature (paragraph 4)
- 5) Tell someone that you will certainly do something (paragraph 5)
- 6) Having parts that are close together so that it is difficult to go or see through (paragraph 6)

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- 1) **D**
 - 2) **E**
 - 3) **F**
 - 4) **B**
 - 5) **A**
 - 6) **C**
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2. Find words in the text to match these definitions.

- 1) **Gravely**
- 2) **Vanished**
- 3) **Sanctified**
- 4) **A miracle**
- 5) **Promise**
- 6) **Dense**



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