

THE STORY SHARING GAME - SAMPE INSTIGATING STORIES

(How to see larger meanings as Facilitator)

'TRUTH IN ADVERTISING'

In front of the grocery store, a bubbly Girl Scout stood beside a table full of cookies.

"Please buy some cookies from me!" she begged.

"How much are they?" I asked.

"They're \$5 a box, except these two kinds over here.

They're \$6 a box."



Figuring there must be something special about the two \$6 boxes, I asked why it was.

"Well, this box is gluten-free," the little girl replied.

"What about the other box?"

She beamed, "Oh, those are overpriced!"

—Submitted by Kathryn Thayer, Spokane, Washington. From www.rd.com/article/100-word-stories/

"Even simple stories can speak to larger patterns and issues in life. I see 'Truth In Advertising' is an example of how children start adopting and imitating what they see and hear adults doing before they have 'come of age' and really know all the meanings and implications of what they are learning. If you are facilitating let the other Players first share what they think the theme of the story is before you share your thoughts or my analysis." —Trayce, Story Sharing Game Creator

'SWEET SLEEP'

"Don't let her sleep in your bed."

That's what I heard over and over after my daughter was born.

So, I didn't, unless she was sick.

Now my baby is almost six.

Every night, after we read and sing songs and turn off the light, I lie down with her before she falls asleep.

We whisper to each other, and I watch her eyelids start to flutter.

I smell her hair and kiss her forehead.

And I wish I had done this every night.

—Submitted by Suzanne Cifarelli, Albany, New York From www.rd.com/article/100-word-stories/

"I saw this is an example of a woman looking back -- after she has fully come of age as a mother and now trusts her own intuition about what is right. She remembers how as a young mother she wouldn't get physically close to her child when she put her to bed because others told her it was wrong, but now she allows herself to do what she thinks is good for her child." - Trayce

