

SHARING WORDS OF LIFE: EXPLORING LANGUAGE AND CONNECTION WITH FAWN WOOD



THIS WORKSHOP IS CREATED FOR PRE K+



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Join Fawn Wood, celebrated musician and storyteller, in this engaging and interactive workshop designed for grades K-4. Through storytelling, song, and hands-on activities, Fawn introduces young learners to the beauty and importance of Indigenous languages and their connection to culture, identity, and the land.

This activity requires the following materials:

Materials:

- The Fawn Wood and puppets video
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers or crayons
- Headbands (strips of paper or elastic bands)
- Printed moose antlers (attached)

As an additional piece play a [moose call video on YouTube](#) and have your students try to mimic the moose calls!

Lesson Steps:

1. Circle Time / Introduction (5–10 minutes) (before the video)

- Begin by asking:
- “Do you know what languages you speak at home? Did you know that many people in Canada speak Indigenous languages too?”
- Introduce the idea of language revitalization:
- “Some people are working really hard to learn and teach their traditional languages so that they are never forgotten.”
- Play the Fawn Wood video

2. Language Focus (5 minutes)

- Write the word *moswa* on the board or chart paper. Say it slowly together:
- “Let’s all say it together — *moswa* means moose in Cree!”
- Repeat the word a few times with actions (make moose antlers with hands).
- Talk about what qualities the moose might have; big, strong, fierce, plant eating, etc.

3. Craft Activity – Moose Antler Headbands (15–20 minutes)

Instructions:

- Give each child a strip of paper for the headband base.
- Have them cut out moose antlers.
- Decorate the antlers and headbands with symbols, stickers, or designs that make them unique.
- Help each child glue or tape the antlers to their headband.
- Once complete, write *moswa* on each headband.



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