Seeking A Spirit
Long ago, there lived a young Kootenai boy whose name was Lassaw.

One day Lassaw left home and went to the top of a mountain. Lassaw wanted to seek a spirit. While Lassaw stayed on the mountain, he could not have any food or water.
After two days and nights Lassaw cut off the tip of his finger. He tore his shirt and used it to make a bandage.

Lassaw prayed. He told the Great Spirit his finger hurt very much. Lassaw said, “Help me. Give me something so I can become a great medicine man.”
Lassaw's finger was bleeding. His bandage was soaked. Because his finger hurt very much, he pressed his hand to his side.

Suddenly, Lassaw saw a buffalo! The buffalo was drinking water. Lassaw knew there was no water nearby. The buffalo continued to drink and when it was finished, it looked at Lassaw.

The buffalo spoke to Lassaw in the Kootenai language. It told Lassaw, "I know you are hurt. I came to help you. Whatever you ask for, I will give you."
The buffalo disappeared. Lassaw had seen the spirit of the buffalo. He knew the buffalo's spirit would always help him.
Lassaw became a great buffalo hunter. He lived a long and a happy life.
Booklets available in the Level IV sequence are listed below. Numbers refer to the Planned Sequence of use in the Teacher's Manual. Materials developed by these tribes and others in the Northwest are included in the Levels I, II and III sequences.

1. Warm Springs Animal Stories
   The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

2. Snail Women at Sq̓aːle
   The Suquamish Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation

3. Blue Jay – Star Child/Basket Woman
   Muckleshoot Tribe

4. Assiniboine Woman Making Grease
   Assiniboine Tribe of the Fort Peck Reservation

5. Coyote
   The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

6. How the Summer Season Came
   Assiniboine Tribe of the Fort Belknap Reservation

7. Little Weasel's Dream
   Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

8. Fort Hall Stories
   Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation

9. The Bear Tepee
   Northern Cheyenne Tribe

10. Sioux Stories and Legends
    Sioux Tribe of the Fort Peck Reservation

11. Kootenai Stories
    Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

12. Chief Mountain's Medicine
    Gros Ventre Tribe from the Fort Belknap Reservation

13. Coyote the Trickster
    Burns Paiute Reservation

14. Running Free
    Shoalwater Bay

15. Salish Coyote Stories
    Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

16. Coyote and the Cowboys
    Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation

17. Napi’s Journey
    Blackfeet Tribe

18. Warm Springs Stories
    The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

19. Tepee Making
    Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

20. Baskets and Canoes
    Skokomish Tribe

21. Warrior People
    Blackfeet Tribe