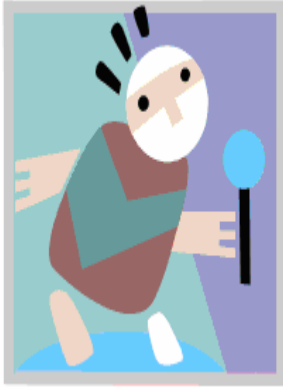


What a garden the world would be if story telling by children from different faith groups became a way of understanding each other.

-Jyoti Swaminathan



# Children at the Well;

Learning to Draw from Faith Traditions  
Through Story

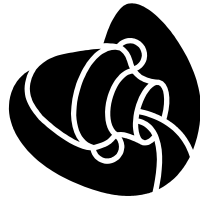
Interfaith Youth Storytelling

A project of the Interfaith Story Circle  
of the Tri-City Area

Sunday, March 25, 2008, 2 PM

The Hindu Temple Society of the Capital District  
450 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY

All stories are true. Some of them actually happened. (Megan McKenna)



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Welcome

Mary Murphy, storycoach

Stories

**Ben Russell** (age 16, Congregation Beth Shalom) "Strudel, Strudel, Strudel", by Steve Sanfield

**John Lyden** (age 16) "The Leprechaun's Gold", A Celtic Fairy Tale

**Khalafalla Osman** (age 13, AnNur Islamic School) Two stories of Umar Ibn Khattab, retold by Khalafalla

**Ilyssa Simsek** (age 14, Congregation B'nai Shalom) "When a Chicken is not a Chicken", from A Treasury of Jewish Bedtime Stories

**Alaudeen Umar** (age 14, AnNur School) "The Man of Paradise", from Hadith/Stories from Prophet Muhammad (sas)

**Carthi Mannikarottu** (age 16, St. Paul's Indian Orthodox Church) "Temptation"

**Emily Hebert** (age 12, Eastern Parkway Methodist Church) "The Christmas Spider", a Polish Folk Tale

◇ Ten Minute Stretch Break ◇

Welcome back

Marni Gillard, storycoach

**Amoha Ramanath and friends, from Bindiya's Dance School, perform "Kisna"**

**Hira Nazeer** (age 15, Islamic Center of the Capital District) "The Three Brothers", told to her by her grandmother

**Matthew Kellish** (age 14, St. Helen's Catholic Church) "Maximillion Kolbe", a tale of a Catholic saint

**Ritam Mehta** (age 12, Hindu Temple Society of the Capital District) "The king who asked 'Who is God, and where is He?'"

**Samar Khan** (age 15, Islamic Center of the Capital District) "Respecting Elders"

**Sara Syed** (age 13, Islamic Center of the Capital District) "The Prophet and the Old Woman", from a hadith

**Toma Tadros** (age 12) "The Deceitful Heron", from I Once Was a Monkey: Stories Buddha told

Closing Remarks

Gert Johnson, co-director

*Today's storytellers were coached by Marni Gillard, Mary Murphy  
Nancy Payne served as substitute coach*

*Children @ the Well interns: Sarah Ali, Adah Hetko, Nimi Jayaraman,  
Ben Russell, Ilyssa Simsek*

*Children @ the Well photographer: Sönke Tippelmann*

➤ Dinner with informal story sharing at table

If we affect the hearts of our youth, this will affect community change for generations to come.

-Sr. Sharifa Din

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