

Owl Boy

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Long, long ago Indian people would hunt buffalo. The people would follow the buffalo herds. One of the Indian hunters had a wife and a one-year-old son.

One day the hunter's son became very sick. The boy's body shook and shivered, then lay very still. The mother and father thought their son had died.



The little boy's parents were very sad. They made an Indian burial platform on top of four poles. They placed the boy's body on top of the platform.

After everyone had gone the little boy woke up. He began to cry. A man owl and his wife were flying nearby. They heard the boy crying and helped him down.



The owls took the boy to their nest. They cared for the little boy like their own son. The wise old owl taught the boy lessons every day. As the boy grew up, he learned many things.



One day, the owl could see that the boy was very sad. He knew the boy wanted to see his people and family. The owl and his wife decided to help the boy find his parents. They told the boy they would show him the way.



The owls flew above the boy and helped guide him. They traveled for three days. When they found the camp, the boy could not speak to the people. Every time he talked, the people could not understand him. The boy drew pictures to show how the owls had found him. The people saw the pictures and the parents knew the boy was their own.

Everyone was happy. The boy lived with his family and tribe for the rest of his life.