

Nina Saves Roan

Developed by Members of the Shoalwater Bay Curriculum Committee

Geographical Area: Coastal Region

Vocabulary:	Quinalt	Nampschats	carpet bag
	furrowed	drew near	jodhpurs
	middy blouse	Arabian	churchmouse
	twittering	whinnied	

Reading Motivators: Talk about people's special skills (i.e., athletic skills, academic skills, art skills, etc.).

Take students to the playground. Have everyone attempt a 4-foot high jump. Discuss individual differences.

Discuss helping injured animals.

Read a selection from *All Creatures Great and Small* and discuss what a veterinary must do.

Discussion Topics:

Discuss pets and your responsibilities in their care.

Discuss what it means to do thing for personal satisfaction rather than for money or reward.

Discuss feelings experienced when asked to do something without knowing why or what the end result will be.

Why did Nina choose to share the credit with her grandfather? Ask students to decide if he was desering of credit. Why or why not?

Follow-up Activities:

1. Have students collect and share horse stories. Perhaps some students could draw or collect pictures of their favorite horses.
2. Have students research and report on the impact of horses and their changing role on Northwest Indian tribes.
3. Research and report on the Northwest Coastal Indian Potlatch and/or Indian giveaways.
4. Discuss the barter system. Have students bring things to school to trade in a class swap.

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<i>Narrator</i>	<i>Captain Reed</i>
<i>Boy</i>	<i>Chief</i>
<i>Nina</i>	<i>Mr. Kindred</i>
<i>Lizzie</i>	<i>People</i>

Narrator: Nina Charley Bumgardner was a young girl in Shoalwater Bay in the early 1900's. She was a Shoalwater Bay Indian.

When Nina came home for her school vacation, she visited her sister Lizzie at Bay Center. She had spent two days at Lizzie's house when there was an urgent knock on the door.

Boy: Hi, Nina. Mr. Tom Olsen from the store asked me to bring this message to you. He said it was an emergency.

Nina: (*Reads note*) "Emergency! Come Home! Dad." Dad wouldn't send for me unless it was a real emergency. I hope no one is hurt or sick at home.

Lizzie: We better get you into the wash tub. (*Lizzie and Nina leave*) We better hurry. The mailboat gets in at noon and it's already 11:30. (*Steamboat pulls in and girls run to it.*) Just in time! (*Gives Nina hugs and kisses*) Goodbye, Goodbye!

Nina: Goodbye, Lizzie!

Captain Reed: Well, hello Nina. No need for fare, Mr. Kindred paid it for you. Guess they really want you home.

Nina: I wonder why papa wants me home?

Narrator: Soon Nina's boat docked in Tokeland which was named after a chief in Nina's tribe called "Old Toke." She had heard many stories about him from her father Chief Charley. Nina was greeted by Mr. Kindred and her father.

Chief: Here are your clothes, Honey, go change.

Nina: What's going on?

Chief: Mr. Kindred's colt Roan had a terrible accident. While he was running across the field, he stepped on a large spike and it went through his back hoof.

Nina: But why did you send for me?

Chief: You're good with animals, Nina. They trust you. Roan needs special help.

Nina: Did they try to take the spike out?

Chief: Oh yes, but Roan bares his teeth and tries to bite anyone who comes close to him. He paws at them with his front hoofs.

Nina: Well, what makes you think I can help him?

Chief: I think you can do it, Honey. You have a special gift with animals. They know you love them. I'll pray for you.

Narrator: Nina went and changed clothes and then walked toward the corral where the injured colt stood. Several people had gathered to watch.

Mr. Kindred: Nina, I'm so glad you are here. I do hope you can help Roan. Here is a nail puller, a small bottle of medicine and a rope to hold him.

Nina: I will see what I can do. I'll try!

Narrator: Nina knew how valuable Roan was. He was a very expensive Arabian horse and Mr. Kindred was very fond of the little colt.

Nina: (*Walks toward cardboard horse*) What's happened to you? What did you do that for? You poor boy. Didn't you know that would hurt your hoof? You shouldn't have done that. Didn't you see that spike?

Narrator: Nina signaled to the onlookers to be silent while she carefully slipped a rope through his halter ring.

Nina: You're a good boy, good boy.

Narrator: Nina slowly stooped down near Roan's back hoof. Not a single person spoke or moved. Even the birds seemed quiet. She carefully lifted the colt's hoof up and looked at the spike.

Nina: I must use all my strength. I'll have one chance to pull the spike out. This is going to hurt a little bit, but you'll be alright. (*She pulls the spike out*) I did it! I did it! (*Looks at horse*) I'm not through with you yet, now for some medicine.

Narrator: (*All people around clap and cheer*) Nina led Roan to Mr. Kindred.

Mr. Kindred: Here's a \$10.00 gold piece, Nina.

Nina: Oh, it's nothing.

Mr. Kindred: I insist. If I sent for the horse doctor it would have cost me more than that.

Nina: I didn't do anything. You sent for me, Papa, so you take it.

Chief: Nina, you're a good daughter. You see Mr. Kindred, Nina has been taught when you do something for somebody, you do not have your hand out to be paid. You do it because it is good to help people and animals. That has always been an Indian way.