JAPANESE KAMISHIBAI STORYTELLING
SK 227

KAMISHIBAI STAGE

KAMISHIBAI MAN
ALLEN SAY

HYOSHIGI (CLAPPER)

THE DRAGON’S EARS

THE ONE-INCH BOY

THE MOTHER CAT

URASHIMA TARO

THE STORY OF TANABATA

BABY WIFIE

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KON AND PON
Ages 5 and up

This two-part story tells of Kon, a fox, and Pon, a raccoon dog, who live on different sides of a mountain river. Their families have never gotten along, but Kon and Pon’s friendship changes everything. This is a special double-length story.

Themes: Power of friendship
Acceptance of those different than us

THE BRIDE WITH AN UNUSUAL TALENT
All ages

In this hilarious folktale, a young wife’s embarrassing “talent” (extraordinary, powerful flatulence) causes problems at first, but is ultimately appreciated when she uses it to help others.

Themes: Using a talent to help others
Acceptance

THE MOUSE’S WEDDING
Ages 3 and up

Father Mouse sets off to find the mightiest creature in the world for his daughter to marry. He approaches the Sun, the Cloud, the Wind and the Wall and in the end believes that he has learned who is the mightiest of all.

Themes: Valuing one’s own strength
Acceptance of self

THE BAMBOO PRINCESS
Ages 6 and up

A baby girl discovered in a bamboo stalk has an unusual secret that reveals after she has grown into a beautiful, young woman.

Themes: Love
Being true to oneself
The Monkey and the Crab
Ages 5 and up
A greedy monkey betrays a trusting crab. With the help of clever companions, the crab’s children teach the monkey a lesson.

Themes:
Cooperating to help others
Greed and deceit
Punishment for one’s bad behavior

The Old Man and the Fox
Ages 6-9
This is a humorous tale about an old man who decides to play a trick on a sleeping fox: instead, he ends up learning a lesson himself.

Themes:
The Golden Rule
Accepting the consequences of our acts.

The Old Man and the Mice
Ages 3 to 8
A kind old man befriends a band of mice and receives a magic mallet which produces many treasures. A greedy neighbor devises a plan to trick the mice out of their riches and reaps the consequences of his actions.

Themes:
Generosity
Greed

The Tongue-Cut Sparrow
Ages 4 and up
An old woman is jealous of the attention that her husband lavishes on a pet sparrow. Later he and his wife reap the consequences of their actions.

Themes:
Friendship, Generosity, Jealousy, Justice
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**MOMOTARO, THE PEACH BOY**
Ages 3 and up

A baby, found inside a peach, grows into a boy of amazing strength. This is a story of how he learns to use that strength wisely.

*Themes:*
Personal responsibility
Using one’s abilities to help others
Cooperation

**THE LITTLE CRAB**
Ages 2 1/2 to 6

A little crab ventures out alone into the ocean for the first time after being warned by his mother not to use his claws mischievously. The adventure begins when he disobeys his mother.

*Themes:*
Personal responsibility
Using one’s abilities to help others

**LITTLE CHICK**
Ages 2 to 4

Little Chick tries to imitate a rooster who has saved him from danger. With the gentle guidance of Mother Hen, the chick learns a most important lesson.

*Themes:*
Self-discovery
Parental love
Acceptance

**GROW, GROW, GROW, AS BIG AS YOU CAN**
Ages 2 to 4

Very young children love guessing what will happen to the little pig, egg, and strawberry cake.

*Themes:*
Imagination
Transformation
Contributing to the development of a story