



Grandmother said, “Fall is the time when many of our people prepare their homes for winter. I will tell you a story about fixing a house to keep it warm.”

Grandmother said, “Jesse Bright Sun, this story is about your family from long ago.”

*Here is Grandmother’s story.*

Bright Sun liked to help his father around the house. One fall day, Bright Sun was helping his father to fix an old window. The window was covered with old green paint. Bright Sun’s baby sister crawled around them while they worked.

Suddenly, Bright Sun heard soft growling. He looked up and saw a great bear.

Bright Sun asked, “Mother Bear, why are you here?”

Mother Bear said, “Do not be afraid. I am here to warn you about a danger. The danger is lead.”

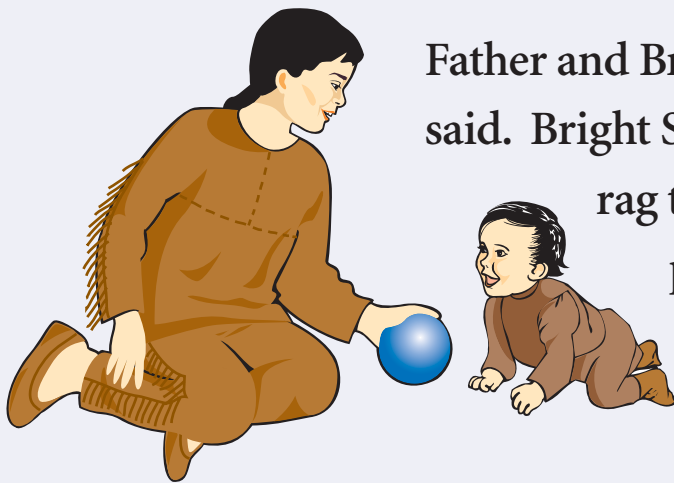




Mother Bear said, “There is lead in the old paint on this window. Your father will keep the dust and flakes far away from you and your little sister. He will use a wet soapy rag to clean up all the paint dust and all the paint flakes. Then you and your sister will be safe.”



Mother Bear said, “Bright Sun, you can help. You can keep your sister out of the room while your father is working.”



Father and Bright Sun did as Mother Bear said. Bright Sun’s father used a damp, soapy rag to clean up all the paint dust and paint flakes. Bright Sun played with his sister outside until the room was very clean.

## Let’s Think about It

With your class, talk about what you can do if you see lead dangers around your home. Write your answers below.

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