

# My Journey Home

## Family Connection

This week your child is reading *The Trial of Cardigan Jones*, in which a moose with very cumbersome antlers is put on trial for stealing a freshly baked apple pie.

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**Vocabulary on the Go** Together, watch a few minutes of a trial on TV or read a newspaper article about one. Write down and try to use some of the following words as you discuss the trial with your child.

**convinced trial jury guilty honest stand**

**Tip!**

As the parent, you are in the best position to judge what's appropriate for your child to view or read.

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**Judging the Author** Tim Egan, the author and illustrator of *The Trial of Cardigan Jones*, specializes in offbeat stories featuring animal characters who rarely crack a smile. Visit a library or online bookseller to compare some of his books, including *Burnt Toast on Davenport Street*, *Metropolitan Cow*, *Serious Farm*, and the entire Dodsworth series.

**CHALLENGE**

If you and your child enjoy this style of story, try writing a story with a similar kind of humor together.

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3

**Moose on the Loose!** Go into a room and leave clues that a clumsy moose might have left if it were loose in your home. For example, tip over a chair, scatter crumbs on a table, or roll up the corner of a rug. Then let your child survey the room, draw conclusions about the evidence, and build a case against the moose for breaking and entering. Afterward, switch roles.

**Easy as Pie** Together, read this recipe for baked apple slices. Then try making it for a scrumptious, sure-to-please dessert or snack.

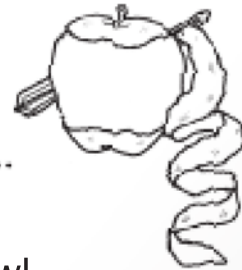
## Baked Apple Slices

*Makes 2–4 servings*

### Ingredients

4 apples  
3 tablespoons sugar

cinnamon  
maple syrup



1. Peel and cut the apples into slices.
2. Put apple slices in a glass or ceramic bowl.
3. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon on top of the apples. Toss lightly.
4. Put in microwave and cook for 5 minutes. Test to see if the apples are cooked. Add more time as needed.
5. When finished, drizzle maple syrup on top. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream, if desired.

**Apple a Day** Brainstorm all the different things you can make with apples (for example, apple pie, applesauce). Don't forget beverages! Make a list together and check off all the items you have tasted before.

### CHALLENGE

Use a cookbook or website to determine which variety of apple is best for making the items you listed.



### Book Links

- *The Supreme Court* (True Books), by Christine Taylor-Butler
- *Once Upon a Blue Moose*, by Daniel Pinkwater **CHALLENGE**



### Internet Challenge

Do a search for “mock trial for elementary students” together. Many websites have free scripts that your budding attorney can use to practice defending such unsavory characters as the Big Bad Wolf and Goldilocks on trial.