Module 7: Building a Storytelling Culture

1. Why This Matters

Storytelling doesn't need to be a one-time project. When it becomes a practice — part of your family's rhythm and your community's life — stories stay alive, strengthen identity, and build belonging across generations.

2. Recap of the Journey

You've learned how to…

- Discover *why* stories matter.
- Gather stories with respect.
- Find the ones that carry meaning.
- Tell them in ways that move people.
- Capture them in audio, video, and text.
- Archive, share, and honour them with dignity.

Now, your role is to make storytelling an **ongoing tradition**.

3. Starting Your Storytelling Culture

Pick one place to begin:

- **Monthly Sharing:** Choose one recorded story to share with family each month.
- **At the Table:** Use a StoryPrompt at family dinners or holidays.
- **Special Events:** Play or tell a story at birthdays, weddings, or reunions.
- **Storybank:** Set up a shared folder or use NotebookLM to keep stories searchable and interactive.
- **Story of the Month:** Rotate stories among siblings, cousins, or community members.

4. Reflection Prompts

- What's one tradition or practice you can start *this month* to make storytelling part of your family's life?

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- Who can you invite to join you in keeping stories alive?

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- What's one of *your own* stories you want to make sure is told and remembered?

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5. My Storytelling Commitment

Finish this sentence:

"I will keep our family's stories alive by _____."

6. Inspiration Quote

"Stories connect us. They heal us. They remind us who we are and where we come from. And when they're shared, they carry us forward."

Related Toolkit Sections:

- *StoryPrompt Section: Asking Questions that Bring Stories Alive*
- *NotebookLM Tutorial for Personal Storybanking*
- *Digital Archive Organization Templates*