

STORY ABOUT CHILD FOUND BY OLD COUPLE WHO RAISED HIM, AND HIS
POWER TO DO MIRACULOUS THINGS

There were Cheyenne camps. I guess they were Cheyenne--the way it's told. They were camping. It's still that way today--the younger people--the younger families--camp in front of the older ones. They might have been their parents or grandparents. The older ones usually camp in the back. And these old couples were kind of in back. They were camping in some woods. Some woods close to a river, I guess. And it was a real hard winter. And it began to mist. And then I guess it kept up for so long like that, and everybody was running out of wood, I guess. Even these old people were running out of wood. So this old lady, she got ready. She went out to pick up wood. And the old ladies at that time used to pick up these twigs and they'd lay them--I've seen my grandmother, how she used to lay her rope down. I'd go with her many times to get her wood. She laid her rope like this. And then she'd pile wood right here.

And then she'd run those ropes through and then she'd lay against a big pile of wood and she'd tie it over here at her shoulders, and then she'd get up.

She'd have a cane. I guess it was just

for that purpose. She had a cane and she'd

get up and she'd start walking with a big load of these branches--

twigs of wood. And she come to an old dead tree that had lain there for a long time. And she began to chip it off with her ax.

And she must have already got a whole bunch of it because she was

coming to the center of this big tree. She hit it again. See,

