

And in return when you accept this adoption well, then in return, you give back--you take back four articles. Four--well, like groceries, you take back four each of coffee, sugar and flour. Any groceries. It has to be four on account of the four--four seasons, four winds, whatever you might--like north, east, south and west. And some extras that you have to have. Four pieces of material. But everything you give, it's in four. And then, of course, there's prayers goes in with all of this. And then you have one--you cook one special pot for your acceptance, which makes it legal then. Then you're in the family. Which is very interesting. And it's really hard to go through both ways. The one that's been adopted, and the family that's giving it. It's really heartbreaking too. And you don't--you just don't know what it is until you go through it. I have been through it and I know. And then, we also have invitations fixed, we call them. And each one that's been invited gets one of these sticks. Which in Indian was, that everything you do is nature--what God has given the Indian--or given people here on earth. Why you can go and just pick out different kind of wood that they use. But on this adoption, I don't know what wood that they have used. I didn't catch what they said about the wood. I imagine it was just plain. But on the others they had certain wood that they used in different ceremonies. It just depends on the kind of wood--the kind of clan I guess maybe that you are, and you have to have certain kind. But anyway, all of that stuff goes in it and you have to know all of this. / And it's hard to keep your customs and traditions, but we're just kind of on the last "go-round" I guess.. We're just like a drowning man. We're just holding on to a straw to stay up. And it's really pathetic, because we all still believe in it and as long as I've been here in the City, I still do them things myself, here at home. I can't help it because I was raised up that way.

(How is someone selected to be adopted in to a certain family? Do they have