



Ute Mountain Ute Creation Story

Unit 1 Lesson 1

Back before there were people in the world Sináwav told Huovach, “we need to have some people to inhabit this world.” Huovach said, “okay.” He had a buckskin bag and he gave the bag to Huovach and told him, “take this bag over to this mountain and open it.” He said, “okay.” He took the bag, and halfway over the bag was moving. He stopped and opened the bag and all these little people came out and ran in different directions. He closed the bag and took the rest of the people to the mountain and the people came out and they went into the mountain.

When Huovach got back, Sináwav was mad because he let the people out. Those people were for the world. Now those people will be Mountain people and they will be the Ute Mountain People. All the others who were out of the bag were the other people in the world.

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