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Lyn and her brother David had to stay inside because it was raining. Mom had an idea. "Let's look into the memory box!"

Mom used that box to keep special things, her **treasures**. She said those treasures helped her remember things that happened in the past.

treasures: valuable things



The children remembered the memory box. They loved it. The memory box had many things: David's first baby tooth, Lyn's old first tiny pair of shoes with red shoelaces, and old photographs. Mostly, they liked the stories Mom told them about the treasures in the box.





Mom unpacked the memory box. She took the treasures out of the box one at a time. Lyn was curious about a small **case**. David found a small cloth bag.

case: a box to hold something



Lyn asked, "Mom, is this case for the earrings?" "Yes," answered Mom as she touched her earrings. She had a strange smile on her face. "Tell us the story about them again," begged Lyn. Mom answered, "You know that the earrings are these rings I am wearing on my ears now."





"This is the story of my lucky earrings," Mom said. "These earrings belonged to my mother—your Grandma Liu. My father gave them to her when they got married in China. He said that the earrings would protect her and give her luck. She wore those earrings every day, and she was very lucky!"



"When I left China to come to the United States, Grandma Liu gave the earrings to me. Lyn, some day, I will give them to you." David frowned, but Lyn smiled.





David asked about the cloth bag. Mom opened it and took out a wrapped thing. She opened it. It was a piece of **jade**. "David, Grandpa found this stone by the mountains in China and carried it in his pocket every day! It will be yours one day." Now David smiled.

Do you have a treasure?

jade: hard green stone



Talk About It

1. What two things does the mother say she will give to Lyn and David?
2. Why do you think Lyn and David's mother has a memory box?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, write a list of things you or your family could put into a memory box.

Extend Language

Earring is a compound word made of these two words: *ear* and *ring*. What are the two words in the compound word *shoelace*? What does *shoelace* mean?

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