

For a long time the stork has been a character in folklore and a symbol of a baby's arrival. This tradition probably began when people observed the loving care the stork exhibits to its own young. A stork couple's faithfulness to each other also serves as a symbol for married happiness. They build their nests on and around the roofs and chimneys of people's houses and seek food such as eels, frogs and toads in marshes and swamps. In many parts of the world, the stork is a much-respected and highly protected bird.

- What lessons can be learned by observing and learning more about the habits of birds such as the stork? Why is it important to protect and study them?
- Create a brand-new legend about a stork who became a hero through some act of bravery involving a small child.