

Wednesday, April 8th, 2021

This past week we walked more than 1000 kilometre, and find ourselves crossing on a ferry, traveling down the north shore of the Gulf of St Lawrence to the town of Port Cartier, Quebec. We are on Nitassinan, ᓂᑕᓴᓐ, the traditional land of the Innu, territory that stretches across Labrador and Eastern Quebec. Nitassinan means “our land”, and the Innu community has created a [beautiful web site](#) full of teachings about their culture. Do yourself a favour, and spend an hour or so perusing these videos, and the rest of the incredible site, and learn about the adventures of young Messanak as he learns his culture’s traditions. If you aren’t sure where to begin, read the Tale of Tshakapesh, and listen to the recording in traditional language.

Tale of Tshakapesh

In the Innu culture, many legends have crossed time and are currently doing very well. Some of them go as far back as the last glaciations thousands of years ago. The Tale of Tshakapesh, a transliteration of oral poetry focusing on spirituality, is one of them. It brings us back to a period of time where people and animals would share everything, including the mysterious World of Dream. This exciting legend is about Tshakapesh, the hero behind the creation of the World, who, as a role model, teaches that with sheer courage, hard work and perseverance, one can always overcome difficulties. To continue reading, please visit [this page](#).

Blessings as we continue to travel together and learn!

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