

## The Story of Wise Woman

Hannah Mae loved crunchy peanuts. She ate them fresh out of the shell. When she moved to South Carolina, she brought a sack of peanuts with her. She planted them carefully in the dry soil and watered them every day.

The other children laughed at Hannah Mae. -Do you think you are a farmer? What are you trying to grow anyway?-

Hannah Mae smiled and continued watering her plants and pulling weeds. In the fall, she filled six sacks with her peanut crop. The other children were curious. -What are those funny-looking things? Are they beans? Can you eat them?-

Hannah Mae cracked open one of the dusty brown shells, giving each child one nut.

-Wow!- the children said. -These taste much better than lima beans. What are they?-

-Peanuts,- Hannah Mae said.

-They are my favorite treat. And they're good for you, too.-