



10TH MOON

GIWSE GISES HUNTING MOON

GHOST SUPPER

During hunting moon, we are reminded of our ancestors that have walked on. It is said that this is the time of year when they come to visit us. A ghost supper is a feasting ceremony that families and communities hold to honor their ancestors. Around this time of year, we hold ghost suppers where we feast our ancestors that have walked on to the spirit world.

Feasting our ancestors means that we are honoring and remembering those loved ones who have passed on. We prepare their favorite foods, gather in remembrance, and feed their spirits with a spirit plate.

What are some ways you can teach your child to take care of their ancestors this month?



NESHNABEMWEN WORDS

NESHNABEMWEN	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH
Giwse Gises	Geew-say Gee-zis	Hunting Moon
Mdatso	M-daht-soh	Ten
Ndenwemagnek	Nden-way-mah-guh-nuck	My Relatives
Thibakwe	Jee-bah-kweh	Ghost Supper

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POTATOES, MAKING FIRE,
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BISON STEW

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package bison stew meat
- 1 sweet onion, diced
- 4 large potatoes, rinsed, peeled, and cubed
- 1 package mixed vegetables of your choice
- 1 packet of French onion soup mix
- 3 cups of water
- 3 tablespoons oil of your choice
- Salt and pepper to taste



DIRECTIONS

- Take a pot, add the oil, and warm it on the stove at medium-high heat.
- Add the onions, and cook for about 2 minutes.
- Add bison meat to the pot. Allow it to brown and absorb the onion flavor. Cook it for about 5 minutes on medium-high heat.
- While the meat is cooking, mix one cup of water with the French onion soup mix packet in a small bowl. Once the mix is fully dissolved, add to the pot, and add two more cups of water.
- Add the mixed vegetables and potatoes.
- Cover with a lid, and simmer for about 30 minutes.
- Make sure to stir often so that everything cooks evenly.

RECIPE NOTES:

TIPS:

1. **Make special food during a specific time of year, every year on a special occasion - a tradition.**
 - a. For example, on Halloween, you could make spider bread.
 - b. For a ghost supper, make favorite dishes of your loved ones who have walked on.
2. **At mealtime, start a conversation with your child about anything that interests them.**
 - a. You could do this when you're eating on the go as well.
3. **Prepare foods in different ways (fresh, baked, roasted, steamed, dried, etc.).**
 - a. Have your child taste the differently prepared foods, and have them describe their preferences.
4. **Allow your child to have easy access to their favorite healthy foods when possible.**

NOTES:

