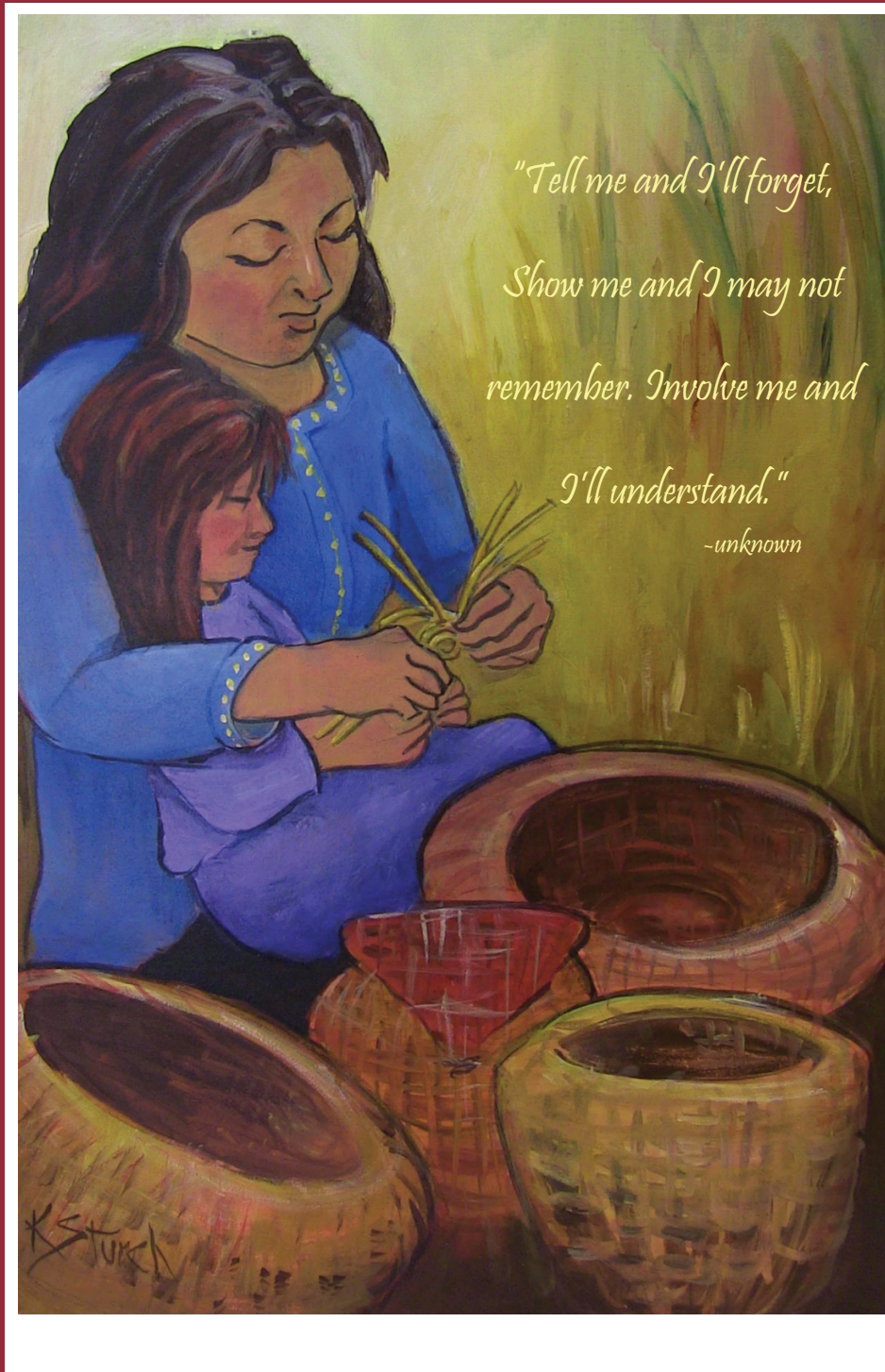


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The artist, Kathy Sturch of Durant, Oklahoma says "My father taught me to be proud of my Choctaw heritage, and now I share what I have learned with my children and grandchildren." Sturch tells the story of the depiction as "Experienced Choctaw hands gently guide little fingers as they weave together—weaving not only a basket but stories—stories from the past and new stories of today. As the little hands grow into bigger experienced hands, they can weave baskets of courage and hope just as our fathers did."