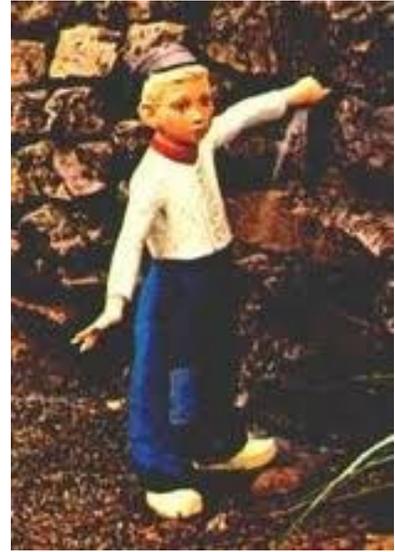


# The Legend of the Little Dutch Boy

Do you remember the story of the little Dutch boy who put his finger in the dike to save the town from devastating flood waters? The legend of Hans Brinker illustrates how one small and simple act can serve to accomplish something great and heroic.

The legend tells of a small boy who noticed a trickle of water coming through the dike. He understood the small hole must be plugged to protect the community. Though frightened and cold during a long and lonely night, he kept his position until daylight came and he could call for help. This little Dutch boy was considered a hero for his wisdom and tenacity.



Today we live in a society that grossly undervalues the role of the Homemaker. Government leaders and social scientists are scrambling to find solutions to the many social ills that plague our society. As a result, many Homemakers are bombarded with competing enticements for their time and energy. Women are encouraged to spend less time with the family so they can spend more time with employment or community service.

When mothers and Homemakers choose to put family first and teach and nurture the members of their home, they are like the little Dutch boy who put his finger in the dike. This small and simple act by the mothers of America will go far to prevent the flood of social and political ills that could potentially devastate the country.

## A Mother's Influence



*No teacher can teach a child  
Like the fervent works of a mother.  
The lessons learned  
from the heart and home  
Can impact like no other.  
Impressions are left in tender hearts  
When a mother's love abounds  
And only in a mother's lap  
Can the most tender shelter be found.  
As our children grow and prosper  
Our reward is in their lives  
For nothing can change the world  
Like a mother's sacrifice.*