



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

The King of the Sea Who Loved Silla, Jang Bogo

Age

Children (Ages 6-9)

Topic

- **Goal:** Learn about the courage of Jang Bogo, who returned to protect the seas of Silla.
- **Theme:** Courage

keywords

Courage, Jang Bogo, Gungbok, Fisherman, Silla, Tang Dynasty, Cheonghaejin, Pirate, Maritime Trade

Korean Culture

- **Goal:** Take interest in the maritime trade between Silla, Tang Dynasty, and Japan.
- **Theme:** Silla, Tang Dynasty, Japanese Maritime Trade

Korean

- **Goal:** Learn opposite words and express them in an interesting way.
- **Words:** 넓다-좁다 (Vast-Narrow), 크다-작다 (Big-Small), 많다-적다 (A Lot- A Little)
- **Expressions:** 넓은 바다-좁은 땅 (Vast sea – Narrow land), 키가 크다-키가 작다 (Tall – Short), 물이 많다-물이 적다 (A lot of water – A little water)



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Greetings

Put your hands on your belly button! Greetings!
Hello, everyone. I am OOO, "The Beautiful Story Grandma",
and I'm here to tell you an interesting story.



Understanding today's topic

The story that I will tell you today is, hey title, come out, ttuk-ttak! "The King of the Sea Who Loved Silla, Jang Bogo."

Have all of you seen the sea? South Korea is surrounded by the sea on the east, west, and south. A person who catches fish in the seas is called a fisher. Although, he was a just fisherman in Silla, he crossed the vast sea to go to the Tang Dynasty to fulfill his dream to become a general. This person returned to protect the sea of Silla. His name was Jang Bogo. Shall we find out who he was?



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "The King of the Sea Who Loved Silla, Jang Bogo"!

♪ One, two, three, four! Let's begin the story! Let's all have a listen with excitement. Are your ears perked up? Are your eyes sparkling?
One, two, three, four! We're off. Boom, boom!

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Story

Once upon a time in the Silla era, a fisherman's family lived by the sea. The fisherman had a brave son. The villagers called this boy Gungbok. 'Gungbok' means a boy who shoots arrows well. Gungbok not only excelled at archery but was also an excellent swimmer at sea.

He was kind-hearted and often helped his father. They went out on the boat together to catch fish.

"Father, how vast is this sea? What lies at the end of the sea over there?"

Curious Gungbok asked his father endless questions every time they went out to sea.

"Ha ha ha, the sea is very vast. It is wider than the land we live on. If you cross this sea, another country will appear."

His father looked at curiosity filled Gungbok with pride.

"Father, I want to become a soldier who shoots arrows well when I grow up. I want to trade with distant lands by boat. Or I want to become a general who protects our country's sea."

Gungbok said with sparkling eyes.

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Story

His father was proud of such a son. But he was also worried.

"Yes, I hope you can freely pursue your dreams. But in Silla, if you are born the son of a fisherman, you can only live as a fisherman for the rest of your life."

Gungbok didn't understand. So, he asked again.

"Is it the same in other countries?"

His father, who had only lived in Silla, couldn't answer accurately.

"I don't know well. But there will be different laws in other countries."

Before long, time passed and Gungbok became an adult. He became tall and strong. His skills in archery, horse riding, and spear throwing became increasingly impressive. The more he excelled, the more Gungbok wanted to achieve his dream. Eventually, Gungbok told his mother and father that he wanted to leave Silla to fulfill his dream. His parents were worried about sending their son so far away. They felt sad too. But they decided to let Gungbok do what he wanted.

Gungbok crossed over to Tang Dynasty with a friend.

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Story

In Tang Dynasty, Gungbok became a general with his exceptional martial arts skills, just as he had dreamed. He gave himself a new name, "Jang Bogo." General Jang Bogo was always respected by his subordinates.

One day, while Jang Bogo was riding his horse on the road, he heard a noisy commotion from afar and went to see what the matter was about. There, he saw Silla people forcefully being dragged away. Jang Bogo was shocked at this sight.

"Why are you dragging these people around?"

Jang Bogo shouted at the burly men from Tang Dynasty. The Tang men laughed at him.

"We do as we want! We're going to make them our servants!"

Jang Bogo was furious. So, he condemned those men for their behavior. It turned out they were pirates from the Tang Dynasty. They had invaded Silla and stole the villagers' grains and belongings. To make matters worse, they had captured the Silla people to bring back with them. Once reprimanded by Jang Bogo, the pirates trembled in fear and fled. After saving the Silla people, Jang Bogo finally asked,

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"What is happening in Silla right now?"

The Silla people had tears in their eyes.

"The Tang pirates invade our village at any given time. They sneak in by boat and steal things, then brutally drag us away. We are not the only ones; people living by the sea are always trembling in fear. We never know when we will be attacked."

From that day on, Jang Bogo began to investigate how many Silla people had been captured by the Tang Dynasty. Then he decided to immediately return to Silla. He promised to return to Silla and protect the Silla people.

"Friends, I'm returning to Silla now. I will protect the sea so that no country can harass Silla."

Upon hearing Jang Bogo's words, his friend who had come to Tang Dynasty nodded.

"If that's your decision, then I will go with you."

After returning to Silla, Jang Bogo immediately went to see the King. He reported in detail about the troubles the coastal village people had faced.

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Story

The King had also been worried about the pirates appearing by the sea, so, he entrusted Jang Bogo with the task of protecting the sea.

As a result, Jang Bogo became the general who protected the sea in Silla. His childhood dream had come true.

Jang Bogo established a military base called Cheonghaejin in present-day Wando, Jeollanam-do, where he had his soldiers stationed. He ensured that pirates and enemies could not come close. After securing the sea routes, Jang Bogo engaged in connecting trade between the Tang Dynasty and Japan, becoming incredibly wealthy.

Thanks to Jang Bogo, the people of Silla could live comfortably and peacefully.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared? What was Jang Bogo's childhood name? Yes, it was Gungbok. Where did Gungbok go to achieve his dream?

Yes, he crossed the vast sea to the Tang Dynasty. The opposite word of "vast" (neolbeon) is "narrow" (jobeun)". And the opposite of "tall" is "short." Then, what is the opposite of "to have a lot of water?" Yes, it is "to have little water." Everyone, have fun finding and expressing opposites with your family.

Why did Jang Bogo return from Tang Dynasty to Silla?

That's right. Jang Bogo saw the Silla people captured by the Tang Dynasty pirates and returned to protect them. Jang Bogo created the military base Cheonghaejin to fend off the pirates and also connected maritime trade routes between the Tang Dynasty, Silla, and Japan. Now, May 31st is designated as "Ocean Day",

to commemorate the day Jang Bogo established Cheonghaejin in Wando, Jeollanam-do. And every year in May, a festival related to Jang Bogo is held in Wando, Jeollanam-do. If you're curious about Jang Bogo, check out the "Dorandoran Story Grandma's Bag of Stories" website for more details!

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Wrap up

Let's summarize the story of "The King of the Sea Who Loved Silla, Jang Bogo" with Grandma.

Jang Bogo left Silla for the Tang Dynasty to fulfill his dream, and he became a general. However, after seeing the Silla people captured by the Tang pirates, he returned and became a general that protects the seas of Silla. People called Jang Bogo "The King of the Sea." What are your dreams? And what efforts are you making? Discuss with your family or friends.



End the story with a song

Now, let's sing the farewell song as we say goodbye to Grandma. Here we go, begin!

♪ One, two, three, four! ! We've listened well. Our hearts have warmed.
Ears are perked, eyes are sparkling, great job. One, two, three, four!
Goodbye. Boom-boom!



Say Goodbye

Put your hands on your belly button! Say goodbye!
Everyone, see you next time with "The Beautiful Story Grandma." Goodbye!