



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

A Calf in Exchange for a Radish

Age

Children (Ages 3-5)

Topic

- **Goal** : Learn the lesson that a diligent person with a kind heart will be rewarded with blessings
- **Topic** : Diligent, Rewarding good and punishing evil (Gwonseon Jingak)

keywords

Diligence, Rewarding Good Punishing Evil, Radish, Magistrate, Calf, Greedy

Korean Culture

- **Goal** : Learn about Korea's gimjang culture, where a large amount of kimchi is made all at once to eat throughout the winter.
- **Elements** : Making Kimchi

Korean

- **Goal** : Learn expressions related to the growth of life.
- **Words** : 무럭무럭 (Growing healthy), 토실토실 (Plump)
- **Expressions** : 곡식이 무럭무럭 자랐어요.
(The crops grew healthy.)
송아지가 토실토실 컸어요.
(The calf grew plump.)



Storytelling Activity Content



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! "A Calf in Exchange for a Radish."

What foods can we make with radishes? We can make thinly sliced radish strips, dried radish snacks, and soup with radish boiled in it. Radishes are good for our health and delicious, making them perfect for many dishes. But there's a story about a farmer who got a calf in exchange for a huge radish. Shall we listen to the story of the farmer who traded a large radish for a calf?



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "A Calf in Exchange for a Radish"!

♪ 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 a village, there lived a diligent and kind-hearted farmer and a lazy, greedy farmer. The kind-hearted farmer worked tirelessly in the fields, rain, or shine, without taking a single day off.

On the other hand, the greedy farmer was so lazy that he often asked the kind-hearted farmer to do his work for him.

"Hey, I'm not feeling well. Could you help me by weeding my field too?"

"Of course! I'll weed your field for you, so don't worry about it. Just take care of yourself."

The kind-hearted farmer helped the greedy farmer without a complaint. From early spring to late autumn, the kind-hearted farmer's crops grew abundantly.

"Dear, we need to harvest all the radishes today. We can use them for kimchi and sell the rest at the market!"

"Yes, let's do that! It seems like we had a good radish harvest this year,"
said his kind-hearted wife.

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Story

When the farmer went to the radish field, he pulled out the radishes eagerly.

"Wow! These radishes are huge!"

Seeing the well-grown radishes, the farmer felt so joyful that he wanted to dance. He continued pulling the radishes, but when he got to the last one, it was so big that no matter how hard he tried, he couldn't pull it out.

"Ugh! I can't do this alone."

The kind-hearted farmer went to find the greedy farmer.

"Excuse me, I'm sorry but could you help me pull out this last radish?"

"If you're sorry, you shouldn't ask at all!"

"Sigh, alright."

Feeling frustrated by the greedy farmer's response, the kind-hearted farmer asked his neighbors for help. Everyone joined forces to pull out the last radish.

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Story

"Okay, let's all pull together on the count of three. One, two, three! Heave-ho!"

Finally, the stubborn radish was pulled out. But to their surprise, it was bigger than a person!

"This radish is so big! It could make a lot of money selling it at the market,"
the neighbors exclaimed.

"No, this radish should be given to the kind magistrate who has governed our village well. Hasn't he taken care of us for the last year so that we could farm without troubles?"

The kind-hearted farmer carefully wrapped the giant radish in clean straw and went to see the magistrate.

"Honorable magistrate, thanks to your care, we had a great harvest this year. Please accept this finest radish as a gift."

The magistrate was amazed at the giant radish the kind-hearted farmer brought.

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Story

"I've never seen such a large radish! I can't just accept something this valuable without giving you something in return. Bring me the finest thing we have recently received and give it to this farmer!"

Then a servant brought out a calf and said,

"Honorable magistrate, this calf is the finest among the recent arrivals."

Thus, the kind-hearted farmer traded the giant radish for a beautiful calf.

Upon hearing this story, the greedy farmer felt envious.

"Hmm, that foolish farmer got a calf for his radish? Then I must offer something even better to receive a bigger reward."

Early the next morning, the greedy farmer took his only calf and set out.

"Ha! If I give the magistrate this calf, he'll surely give me at least a gold nugget in return!"

Excited, the greedy farmer went to see the magistrate.

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Story

"Honorable magistrate, thanks to your care, this calf has grown plump. Please accept this gift as a token of my gratitude."

The magistrate, pleased with the greedy farmer's gift, replied,

"I can't just accept this fine calf without giving something in return. Bring me the finest thing we have recently received and give it to this farmer,"

the magistrate then told the servant,

"The large radish that came in recently is the best!"

said the servant bringing in the large radish.

When the greedy farmer saw the servant bringing out the huge radish, he was shocked.

"Oh no, I've made a huge mistake! What have I done with my precious calf?"

So, the greedy farmer had no choice but to give his calf in exchange for the large radish.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared? When kind-hearted farmer worked tirelessly in his fields, what became of his crops?

That's right! All kinds of crops "grew healthy" (mureok-mureok)! "Mureok-mureok" means growing very healthy and well. Meanwhile, the greedy farmer's calf was also "plump" (tosil-tosil). "Tosil-tosil" means it looks plump and healthy. The terms "mureok-mureok" and "tosil-tosil", describe living things that are growing well. You should also grow "mureok-mureok" and "tosil-tosil"!

What vegetable did the kind-hearted farmer gift to the magistrate as a token of gratitude?

Yes, it was a radish! Many dishes can be made with radishes. Especially when making kimchi, a lot of radishes and napa cabbages are needed. When radishes are cut into small cubes and seasoned, it is called "kkakdugi." In Korea, there is a tradition of making a lot of kimchi at once for winter, called "gimjang." The most commonly made kimchi during this time is napa cabbage kimchi and kkakdugi. Kimchi is a well-known representative food of Korea. If you're curious about Korean kimchi and the gimjang culture, 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 "A Calf in Exchange for a Radish" with Grandma.

The kind-hearted farmer worked hard in his fields and helped the greedy farmer with his work as well. In gratitude, he gave the magistrate a giant radish and received a calf in return. Seeing this, the greedy farmer hoped for an even greater reward and offered his plump calf to the magistrate but received a radish in return. Thus, the diligent and kind-hearted farmer reaped better rewards than the lazy and greedy farmer.



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!