



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

The Mole Groom

Age

Children (Ages 3-5)

Topic

- **Goal** : Think about our own value and uniqueness.
- **Topic** : Self-esteem

keywords

Mole, Stone Maitreya, Marriage

Korean Culture

- **Goal** : Show interest in Stone Maitreya.
- **Elements** : Stone Maitreya

Korean

- **Goal** : Listen to the story with interest and say the names of the characters.
- **Words** : 두더지 (Mole), 해 (Sun), 바람 (Wind), 돌미륵 (Stone Maitreya)
- **Expressions** : 두더지 부부는 해님을 찾아갔어요.
(The mole couple went to find the sun.)



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! "The Mole Groom".

Grandma has prepared a riddle. Shall we try to guess it? I am an animal. I dig for burrows and live underground. My mouth is long and pointed, and my teeth are sharp. Who am I? That's right. I am a mole. Moles live underground, making tunnels and eating worms and small insects. Today's story is about a mole couple looking for a groom for their daughter mole. Shall we listen to the story to find out what kind of groom they are looking for?



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "The Mole Groom"!

♪ 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, a mole couple lived underground. One day, they had a cute baby mole. Daddy Mole and Mommy Mole raised their daughter mole with all their love. As time passed, the daughter mole grew into a fine young lady, skilled in digging the earth.

One day, Mommy Mole said to Daddy Mole,

"Honey, I think it's time for our daughter to get married."

"Our daughter is the best in the world, so she shouldn't marry a weak mole. We must find the strongest groom. The Sun lights up the entire world brightly, so it must be the strongest, right?"

As Daddy Mole said, Mommy Mole nodded in agreement.

The mole couple went to find the Sun in the sky.

"The most powerful Sun in the world! Please marry our daughter."

Daddy Mole said. But the Sun shook its head and replied,

"I light up everything in the world, making everything grow. But when clouds cover me, I cannot shine. So, the cloud is stronger than me."

Hearing this, it seemed the Sun was right. The mole couple immediately went to see the cloud.

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Story

"Cloud, stronger than the Sun! Please marry our daughter." Mommy Mole said. But the cloud shook its heads and replied, "I can cover the Sun and darken the world. But when the wind blows me away, I cannot cover the Sun. So, the wind is stronger than me."

Hearing this, the mole couple agreed with the cloud. The mole couple went to see the wind right away.

"Wind, stronger than the Sun and the cloud! Please marry our daughter."

Mommy Mole said. But the wind shook its head and replied, "I can make the cloud go away and knock over lots of things. But I can't knock over the big Stone Maitreya standing in the field. So, the Stone Maitreya is stronger than me."

When Mommy Mole and Daddy Mole heard this, they thought the wind was telling the truth. So, they quickly went to see the Stone Maitreya.

"Stone Maitreya, stronger than the Sun, the cloud, and the wind! Please marry our daughter."

Daddy Mole said. But the Stone Maitreya shook its head and replied,

"I can stand straight for a very long time, like a whole thousand years. But if a mole digs the dirt under me, I will fall down! So, the mole is the strongest in the world."

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Story

Daddy Mole was surprised to hear this.

"A mole? Are you saying we, the moles are stronger than the Sun, the cloud, the wind, and even the Stone Maitreya?"

"Yes, indeed."

Hearing this, the mole couple were very happy and went back to their home.

"My dear, our mole is the strongest in the world. It would be great for our wonderful daughter to marry a strong mole."

"Daddy, I want to marry the young mole next door."

Daughter Mole answered with a big, happy smile.

Finally, the mole couple found the strongest groom in the world. It was the young mole next door! The Mole's daughter married the young mole, and they lived happily ever after.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared?

The mole couple went looking for a strong groom. Can you remember who they met? That's right, they went to see the Sun. They also visited the Clouds, the Wind, and the Stone Maitreya.

Everyone, who told us that the mole is the strongest?

That's right, it was the Stone Maitreya. Maitreya is a special Buddha's name, and he looks like a person. Long ago, people thought Maitreya would make their wishes come true. The Stone Maitreya is a statue of Maitreya made of stone. You can still see big Stone Maitreya standing tall in various places these days. If you're curious about the Stone Maitreya, check out the "Dorandoran Story Grandma's Bag of Stories" website for more details!

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Wrap up

Everyone, it's already time to say goodbye. Did you enjoy the "The Mole Groom" story?

The mole couple wanted to find the strongest, most special groom in the world. And the groom they finally found was the young mole. Just like the little mole is special, you are all very special too. Remember to be nice to yourself and your friends this week. And when you get home, give a big hug to your family and say "I love you!"



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!