



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

Yi Sun-sin, Who Defeated the Japanese Army with Currents and Reefs

Age

Children (Ages 6-9)

Topic

- **Goal:** Learn from Admiral Yi Sun-sin's wisdom in preparing in advance to protect the nation.
- **Theme:** Wisdom

keywords

Widsom, Yi Sun-sin, Imjin War, Naval Battle, Myeongnyang Battle, Uldolmok, Turtle Ship, Fishermen

Korean Culture

- **Goal:** Take an interest in the turtle ship created by Admiral Yi Sun-sin.
- **Theme:** Yi Sun-sin, Turtle Ship

Korean

- **Goal:** Listen to the story and learn to express the opposite words.
- **Words:** 꼼꼼하다 (Careful, Diligent), 덤벙대다 (Careless)
- **Expressions:**
꼼꼼하게 살피고 준비해요. (Careful and diligent.)
꼼꼼하지 못하고 덤벙대요. (Careless and hasty.)



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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! "Yi Sun-sin, Who Defeated the Japanese Army with Currents and Reefs."

Now, can you tell me who comes to mind when you hear Grandma's words? The sea, an admiral, and a turtle ship. That's right. It's Admiral Yi Sun-sin. Admiral Yi Sun-sin is said to have wisely defeated the Japanese army with a small number of soldiers. Shall we find out how brave and wise Admiral Yi Sun-sin was?



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "Yi Sun-sin, Who Defeated the Japanese Army with Currents and Reefs"!

♪ 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 Joseon Dynasty, there was a brave and wise man named Admiral Yi Sun-sin. Admiral Yi Sun-sin sincerely loved his people and country. He prepared in advance to protect the country from unknown wars that may come.

He regularly trained the soldiers and carefully inspected the ships and weapons as well.

"Why are we training when there's no war currently?"

"Agree. It's just too tiring."

Some soldiers complained. That's when Admiral Yi Sun-sin shouted in a loud voice,

"We are the ones who protect the country and the people! We must prepare in advance to maintain the peace of our nation! Don't be lazy!"

And he went on to train and worked even harder than the soldiers. The soldiers were deeply moved by his dedication.

"I must follow the Admiral's footsteps!"

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Story

The soldiers began to train harder, even through harsh weather conditions with rain and snow.

Then one day, a soldier rushed in and said,

"General, we have a big problem! A vast number of Japanese soldiers are invading us! They are torturing our people and killing them with gunfire!"

Upon hearing this, the nearby soldiers started to mutter.

"Oh no! What should we do?"

"We've never fought in a war before."

Some soldiers were so frightened they became restless and anxious. But Admiral Yi Sun-sin spoke calmly.

"Listen well! We have always trained and prepared for war! Do not worry. We will surely win!"

Admiral Yi Sun-sin thought about how to fight the enemy. He then called his commanders and said,

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"Tonight, gather all the fishermen from the village, and prepare plenty of food for everyone."

The commanders were puzzled. However, they followed Admiral Yi Sun-sin's orders and gathered the fishermen.

Admiral Yi Sun-sin spent several days with the fishermen. As time passed, they became quite close. Admiral Yi Sun-sin asked them various questions.

"Do you have any difficulties when fishing?"

One fisherman shook his head and replied,

"Not too long ago, I almost died while fishing. The current was so strong that I almost got swept away. That place always has a strong current at that time."

"Oh my! You must be careful. But exactly where is that location?"

Admiral Yi Sun-sin listened carefully to the fisherman's words and took notes. Then, he nodded his head.

That's when another fisherman spoke.

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Story

"I had a big scare once, too. The wind blew so suddenly that I never go back there anymore. If you're not careful, the boat could capsize instantly. There is a huge boulder right next to it. If you hit that boulder, your boat can break apart.

Admiral Yi Sun-sin's eyes glistened.

"Where is that?"

"It's Uldolmok."

As the fisherman answered, Admiral Yi Sun-sin carefully noted it down, fearing he might miss it. Seeing this, his subordinates thought it was strange.

"Why is the Admiral suddenly acting like this?"

"I don't know, he's just been talking to the fishermen for days."

That's when one of the commanders who heard the words spoke up.

"Do you still not understand the Admiral? He is looking for a way to confront the Japanese army!"

Hearing this, the soldiers chuckled.

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Story

"Is listening to what fishermen have to say really a solution?"

Then that commander replied, shaking his head.

"The fishermen, who go out to catch fish in the sea, know the ocean better than anyone. They know where the current is strong, where the wind blows, and where the dangerous boulders are."

"How can that be a help?"

Striking his chest out of frustration, that commander said,

"The Admiral remembers the places the fishermen told him about and visits them himself. He plans to use this knowledge to defeat the Japanese army!"

Only then did the soldiers realize Admiral Yi Sun-sin's profound intentions.

Finally, Admiral Yi Sun-sin led the soldiers out to sea. A huge number of Japanese soldiers arrived on sturdy ships, firing guns. But Admiral Yi Sun-sin and his soldiers were unfazed. They lured the Japanese army into the sea with strong currents and winds, filled with large boulders. The Japanese ships capsized and broke apart under the waves.

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Story

Thanks to Admiral Yi Sun-sin's wisdom, even with a small number of soldiers, they easily defeated the Japanese army, and the long Imjin War came to an end swiftly.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared? What kind of person was Yi Sun-sin in the story?

That's right. Yi Sun-sin was a person who prepared well in advance. He knew the Japanese army would invade and carefully prepared for their attack. He consistently trained the soldiers and instructed them to build turtle ships. He spoke with fishermen who knew the sea well, chose locations where he could defeat the Japanese army, and went to inspect them for himself. This aspect of Yi Sun-sin's personality greatly helped him gain victory over the Japanese army. A person who works carefully is called "diligent" (kkomkkom-hada), while a person who is easily flustered and hasty is described as "careless" (deombeong-daeda). Are you diligent? Or are you careless and hasty? Think about it.

Everyone, who did Admiral Yi Sun-sin go to listen to every night?

That's right. It was the fishermen. Yi Sun-sin found out from the fishermen, who knew the sea best, where to stop the Japanese army. By using the place with strong currents, winds, and large boulders, he was able to defeat many Japanese soldiers with only a small number of ships and soldiers. Additionally, Admiral Yi Sun-sin built the "Turtle Ship" and won against the Japanese army with fewer soldiers.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

To remember the brave and wise Admiral Yi Sun-sin, various festivals are held every year, such as the "Yeosu Turtle Ship Festival" in Yeosu, Jeollanam-do, the "Tongyeong Hansan Battle Festival" in Tongyeong, Gyeongsangnam-do, and the "Myeongnyang Battle Festival" in Jindo and Haenam, Jeollanam-do. If you're curious about Admiral Yi Sun-sin and the turtle ship, 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 "Yi Sun-sin, Who Defeated the Japanese Army with Currents and Reefs" with Grandma.

Yi Sun-sin trained his soldiers and built turtle ships even before the Japanese army invaded, so that he was ready to fight whenever the enemy attacked. He listened to the stories of the people and fishermen regardless of their social status. When the Japanese army invaded, he used the characteristics of the turtle ship and Uldolmok to largely defeat the Japanese army. If you develop a habit of preparing in advance, all of you can do anything well in the future.



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!