



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

Jeong Yak-yong, Who Built a Ferry Bridge over the Hangang River

Age

Children (Ages 6-9)

Topic

- **Goal:** Understand the wisdom of Jeong Yak-yong, who built a ferry bridge over the Hangang River.
- **Theme:** Wisdom.

keywords

Wisdom, Filial Piety, Jeong Yak-yong, Scientist, Jeongjo, Hangang River, Ferry Bridge, Suwon Hwaseong, Wonhaeng Eulmyo Jeongni Uigwe

Korean Culture

- **Goal:** Find interest in King Jeongjo's filial piety, which led him to build a ferry bridge over the Hangang River.
- **Theme:** 한강의 배다리 (Ferry Bridge of Hangang River), 효 - 정조의 효심 (Filial Piety - Jeongjo's Filial Piety)

Korean

- **Goal:** Identify words that are formed by combining two separate words, like "ferry bridge".
- **Words:** 배다리 (Ferry Bridge), 논밭 (Farmland), 책가방(Bookbag), 꽃나무 (Flower Tree)
- **Expressions:** 배다리를 건너다. (Cross the ferry bridge.)
꽃나무를 심고 가꾸다.
(Plant and grow a flower tree.)



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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! "Jeong Yak-yong, Who Built a Ferry Bridge over the Hangang River."

In the capital of South Korea, Seoul, there flows a great river. This river is called the Hangang River, and there are now several bridges spanning it. In the past, technology wasn't advanced enough to build bridges over the Hangang River. So, people used to cross the river by taking a boat. During the reign of King Jeongjo, Jeong Yak-yong is said to have built a ferry bridge over the Hangang River. Shall we hear the story about how the ferry bridge was built?



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "Jeong Yak-yong, Who Built a Ferry Bridge over the Hangang River"!

♪ 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, during the Joseon Dynasty, there was a boy named Jeong Yak-yong. He was so smart that he learned everything quickly. Curious by nature, he came up with many new ideas. He was very good not only at studying literature but also at math and science.

As time went by, Jeong Yak-yong grew into a fine young man. Thanks to his hard work in studying, he easily passed the civil service exam.

The wise King Jeongjo recognized his talents immediately.

"Ah, Jeong Yak-yong, you excel in all fields of study. Come, help me with the affairs of the state."

Jeong Yak-yong studied even harder and wrote many books. Rather than just reading books, he believed that practical studies were the real studies that would be useful in people's lives.

One day, King Jeongjo found himself in a dilemma. He had moved his father, Crown Prince Sado's, grave to Suwon. However, the distance from the palace made it very difficult to visit the grave each year. Especially this time, he planned a grand feast for his mother, Hyegyeonggung Hong.

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Story

After the feast, he wanted to take his mother and his ministers to visit his father's grave. King Jeongjo wanted to find an easy and fast way for many people to cross the Hangang River.

"If we cross the Hangang River by boat, we could get there much faster. But we can't fit all the ministers and soldiers on a single boat. What can we do?"

After much contemplation, King Jeongjo called Jeong Yak-yong and asked,

"Yak-yong, is there any way for a bunch of people to cross the Hangang River easily?"

Jeong Yak-yong thought for a long time. Then he cautiously replied,

"What if we connect boats together to make a bridge?"

King Jeongjo clapped his hands against his knees.

"What a wonderful idea!"

However, the other ministers opposed Jeong Yak-yong's idea.

"We don't have time to make new boats!"

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"It's dangerous if the boats tip over!"

But Jeong Yak-yong confidently said,

"Don't worry. If we all work together, it can be done."

King Jeongjo first chose a spot where the river was narrow, and the current wasn't too strong. He then instructed Jeong Yak-yong to build the ferry bridge immediately.

Jeong Yak-yong drew a picture of how to build the ferry bridge. He wrote down the details so that everyone could easily understand the plan. After that, he gathered the boats needed for construction. Rather than building new boats, he collected those used for transporting goods. Of course, he paid the people who lent him the boats. So, everyone was motivated to help build the ferry bridge.

Jeong Yak-yong had the gathered boats connected with a row with sticks. Then, he placed wooden planks in the middle for people and horses to cross. He even covered it with grass to make it look like a real road. Jeong Yak-yong worked tirelessly with the workers and had no time for himself. Before long, the ferry bridge began to take shape, just as Jeong Yak-yong had drawn.

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Those watching were all amazed. Even the ministers who had opposed him for safety praised him.

"Wow, this is truly incredible!"

"How did you come up with such an idea?"

Finally, with everyone's efforts, the ferry bridge was completed. The magnificent, long bridge stretched across the Hangang River.

"Ha ha ha, well done! This is excellent!"

King Jeongjo was delighted to see the ferry bridge made by Jeong Yak-yong.

Soon after, a grand celebration for the birthday of King Jeongjo's mother took place. When the feast ended, King Jeongjo set off with his mother and ministers towards Suwon Hwaseong, where his father, Crown Prince Sado's grave was located.

"Now, let's cross the ferry bridge!"

King Jeongjo told his ministers. As the subordinates hesitated, King Jeongjo laughed and said again,

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Story

"Crossing the Hangang River by this ferry bridge will get us to Suwon in no time. Don't worry. Jeong Yak-yong is not one to make something carelessly. It will be safe. Now, let's go!"

As King Jeongjo began to cross the ferry bridge, the soldiers and ministers followed him. The wagons loaded with goods also followed behind. The sturdy ferry bridge held strong until everyone had crossed.

"Wow! We crossed the river safely!"

People watching the procession clapped and shouted.

"Yak-yong, thanks to the ferry bridge you built, we arrived easily and quickly. Thank you!"

King Jeongjo said, gripping Jeong Yak-yong's hand tightly.

Jeong Yak-yong continued to create various inventions. He also wrote many books that helped improve the lives of the common people.

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Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared? Jeong Yak-yong built a ferry bridge over the Hangang River. Can you tell me how he built it?

That's right! He connected boats to create the bridge. The words "ferry" (bae) and "bridge" (dari) combined to form "ferry bridge" (baedari). Like this, two words can combine to form a new word. Just like how "farm" (non) and "land" (bat) come together to form "farmland" (nonbat), and "book" (chaek) and "bag" (gabang) combine to form "book bag" (chaekgabang). Now, what do you think happens when "flower" (kkot) and "tree" (namu) are combined? Yes, it becomes "flower tree" (kkonnamu), which we plant and nurture. My friends, find other words made by combining two words!

Now, why did Jeong Yak-yong build the ferry bridge over the Hangang River?

Yes, it was at the request of King Jeongjo. Every year, the journey to his father's grave in Suwon took too long, so, he wanted his mother and many ministers to cross the Hangang River easily and quickly. Thus, the ferry bridge is product of King Jeongjo's filial piety and Jeong Yak-yong's wisdom. In addition to the ferry bridge, Jeong Yak-yong created various inventions.

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His inventions played a significant role in constructing Suwon Hwaseong. If you're curious about Jeong Yak-yong's inventions, 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 "Jeong Yak-yong, Who Built a Ferry Bridge over the Hangang River" with Grandma.

Jeong Yak-yong was a scholar who created inventions that benefited many people, and he was also a person of great character who cared for the lives of the common people. You too should observe your surroundings and nurture your curiosity. I believe you can become great inventors or scientists!



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!