



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

Like Filling a Jar with a Drop of Water, Jo Ik

Age

Children (Ages 6-9)

Topic

- **Goal:** Learn from the efforts of a nephew who wanted to become wealthy and the wisdom of Jo Ik.
- **Theme:** Effort.

keywords

Effort, Jo Ik, Jar, Durebak, Well, Realization

Korean Culture

- **Goal:** Through the story, develop an interest in Korean proverb.
- **Element:** Korean proverbs (Pouring water into a bottomless jar. / Little drops of water make the might ocean.)

Korean

- **Goal:** Listen and enjoy the story and learn about the Korean family titles.
- **Words:** 삼촌 (Uncle), 조카 (Nephew), 할아버지(Grandfather), 외할머니(Maternal Grandmother), 이모 (Aunt), 고모 (Aunt), 사촌 (Cousin).
- **Expressions:** 삼촌의 집으로 조카가 찾아왔어요.
(The nephew visited his uncle's house.)



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! "Like Filling a Jar with a Drop of Water, Jo Ik."

Have you ever seen "durebak"? A durebak is a bucket used to draw water from a well, and it looks like a basket. These days when you turn on the tap, water flows out, but in the past, people had to draw water from the well with a durebak multiple times. Interestingly, someone realized a way to make a fortune while using the durebak. Aren't you curious what the story is about?



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "Like Filling a Jar with a Drop of Water, Jo Ik"!

♪ 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 lived a scholar named Jo Ik. Diligent and sincere, Jo Ik held quite a high position. One day, his nephew came to visit him.

"Please tell me a way to earn a lot of money."

Jo Ik looked at his nephew intently. In truth, his nephew was always poor. This was because he only used tricks and never really worked hard. Jo Ik decided to entice his nephew with something intriguing.

"There is a way to earn a lot of money."

The nephew's eyes sparkled at Jo Ik's words.

"Please tell me quickly!"

Jo Ik gestured for him to follow. The nephew eagerly followed behind. When they reached the well in the yard, Jo Ik pointed to a jar and said,

"Now, if you fill this jar with water, I will tell you the way."

The nephew quickly looked for a durebak. Then he said,

"Well, this should be done in no time!"

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Story

The nephew diligently drew water with the durebak and filled the jar. However, no matter how much he poured, the jar wouldn't fill up. Thinking it was strange, the nephew finally took a closer look inside the jar.

"Wait, what's this! The bottom of the jar is completely broken!"

Fuming, the nephew confronted Jo Ik.

"You are being unreasonable! How can you ask me to fill a jar with a broken bottom?"

But Jo Ik merely chuckled and responded unconcerned.

"Oh, is that so? Well, come back tomorrow. I'll tell you then."

The nephew was flustered by Jo Ik's reaction. But he swallowed his frustration and went home, determined to return the next day.

Early next morning, the nephew went to Jo Ik. Jo Ik took him back to the well.

"If you fill that jar with water again, I will definitely tell you how to become rich."

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Story

This time, the nephew carefully inspected the jar first. Fortunately, the jar was intact without any cracks. Only then did he nod and reply,

"You must keep your promise this time. Once the jar is full, you must tell me how to make money!"

Jo Ik laughed heartily again and nodded.

The nephew started drawing water with the durebak to fill the jar. Thinking of becoming rich, he couldn't help but hum a tune. But once again, the jar wouldn't fill.

"Wait! What's going on?"

This time, there was a large hole in the bottom of the durebak. Water was leaking out through the hole. Whenever he tried quickly to pour water into the jar, only a few drops fell. No matter how fast he pulled it up, that was all he got. The nephew felt a surge of anger, his body trembling.

"He is actually making fun of me! How can I fill a jar with this durebak?"

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Story

He wanted to go home immediately. But he felt that if he left now, he would never learn how to get rich. Moreover, he regretted that all his previous efforts were in vain.

"Fine, let's give it a shot!"

The nephew began to draw water with the leaky durebak without resting. With only a few drops, he diligently transferred them to the jar. It wasn't easy to fill the jar with just a few drops of water. His hands blistered and swollen. His arms and shoulders ached.

"Ugh, when will it be full?"

Even while sighing continuously, his hands didn't stop. Yet, remarkably, as he continued, the jar began to fill up little by little. Seeing this, he forgot about his aches and began to feel some enjoyment.

"Alright, just a bit more and it might be full!"

The nephew poured all his strength into the task. He didn't even notice that his body was drenched in sweat, nor did he realize that the sun was setting.

"Wow! It's all full!"

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Story

The jar, which had seemed impossible to fill, was now brimming with water. The nephew was so happy that a smile bloomed on his face.

"Hey, nephew! What has happened?"

Just then, Jo Ik approached the well. The nephew eagerly asked Jo Ik,

"Look! The jar is full of water. Now, as promised, please tell me how to become rich!"

Jo Ik looked at the nephew quietly, a smile on his face.

"You really worked hard. But I have already taught you the way."

The nephew stared blankly at Jo Ik.

"What? When did you teach me?"

Jo Ik quietly pointed at the jar by the well. The nephew stared at the jar in a daze for a long time. Then he burst into loud laughter as if he finally understood.

"Ha ha ha! Yes, now I understand the way to do it!"

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Story

Jo Ik nodded with pride.

"You got it right. Just like how you filled the jar by gathering tiny drops of water, if you work diligently on small tasks, you can gather a lot of wealth. That is the way I know to earn a lot of money."

The nephew, with a determined look, took Jo Ik's hand.

"Yes, today I've realized the value and joy of gaining something through effort. From now on, I will live diligently with my own strength!"

Thanks to Jo Ik's wise teaching, the nephew worked harder and truly became very wealthy.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared?

On the second day, when the nephew was filling the jar with water, what was the condition of the durebak? That's right. There was a hole in the bottom of the durebak. So, even though he drew water, only a drop or two filled the jar little by little. But as he steadily gathered little drops of water, he was finally able to fill the jar. This shows that small efforts can lead to great achievements.

Why couldn't the nephew fill the jar with water?

That's right. Because the bottom of the jar was broken. So, no matter how much he poured, he couldn't fill the jar. This signifies the proverb for doing a useless task, which is "pouring water into a bottomless jar." Here, "jar" refers to the vessel.

What about the second day? Did he fill the jar little by little? No matter how small it may be, it means that when gathered, it can become something substantial, and this is captured in the proverb "little drops of water make the might ocean" If you want to learn more proverbs, 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 "Like Filling a Jar with a Drop of Water, Jo Ik" with Grandma.

The nephew, wanting to earn a lot of money, did not give up as he followed his uncle Jo Ik's teachings. Just like filling a jar with a drop of water, he was able to achieve great results through consistent effort. I hope that if you have something you want to do, you will be a person who perseveres and works diligently starting with small tasks. The Beautiful Story Grandma is cheering for 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!