



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

The Magic Jar

Age

Children (Ages 3-5)

Topic

- **Goal** : Reflect on the lesson that excessive greed is not good.
- **Topic** : Greed, Cause and Effect

keywords

Cause and Effect, Greed, Farmer, Stone, Magic, Jar, Magistrate, Coin, Father

Korean Culture

- **Goal** : Learn about the uses of the traditional Korean jar (hangari).
- **Elements** : Jar (Hangari)

Korean

- **Goal** : Take an interest in the types of stones with different sizes.
- **Words** : 조약돌 (Pebble), 돌멩이 (Stone), 바위 (Boulder)
- **Expressions** : 돌멩이를 골라냈어요. (I picked out a stone.)



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 Magic Jar."

Everyone, do you know what a jar is? That's right. In the past, our ancestors used jars a lot to store grains, salt, and kimchi. Do you have a jar in your home? A jar is narrow at the top and bottom, but it has a bulging middle section that looks like a round belly. However, the jar in today's story is not an ordinary jar. It's said to be a "magic jar" that can double whatever you put inside it. What would you like to put into this jar?



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "The Magic Jar"!

♪ 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!

Storytelling Activity Content



Story

Once upon a time, in a village, there lived a poor but hard-working farmer. The farmer worked diligently and saved a lot of money.

One day, he visited a nearby greedy old man who owned lots of land.

"Hello, Old Man."

"What brings you to my house?"

"I came to buy some land from you."

Hearing this, the greedy Old Man sold him the worst piece of land, full of stones. Still, the poor farmer was happy to have acquired land. He went out to the field early in the morning and spent the late evening picking out stones.

"What shall I plant in this field?"

Imagining the good things that would come, the farmer found it enjoyable and not tiring at all.

One day, while he was picking stones, he heard a sound like something clanging against his pickaxe.

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Story

"Huh? What was that sound?"

When the farmer dug a little deeper, he discovered a large jar.

"Great! I didn't have a rice jar. This is perfect."

Excited, the farmer took the jar home.

"Dear, a big jar came out from our field. Please store some rice in it."

The farmer told his wife.

The next morning...

"Dear! Dear!"

His wife called out loudly.

When the farmer went to her, he found the jar filled to the brim with rice.

"Huh? Why is there so much rice?"

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Story

"I don't know. I placed only a half full jar of rice yesterday.."

"What? You only filled it halfway? Does that mean this jar is a magic jar?"

The curious farmer placed a coin inside the jar. To his surprise, the coin doubled! When he put in two coins, it became four, and four coins became eight. The jar he found in the field was indeed a magic jar that doubled whatever he placed inside! Thanks to the magic jar, the farmer became very wealthy.

One day, the greedy and wealthy Old Man heard the news and came to visit.

"Hey there, give me back my magic jar!"

"What? How can it be your jar, Old Man? It came from my field!"

"I only sold you the land, not the jar. So, hand it over!"

"That's not fair! What kind of nonsense is that? If you sold me the land, everything beneath it belongs to me!"

Not backing down, the farmer replied.

Storytelling Activity Content



Story

"Fine, let's ask the magistrate whose claim is valid."

"Sounds good."

So, the two went to the magistrate. After listening to both sides, the magistrate thought for a while and said,

"You two are fighting over just a jar! I will keep the jar safe, so you can both go home!"

The magistrate, wanting the magic jar for himself, thought of this plan. Though the farmer and the Old Man felt wronged, they had no choice but to leave empty-handed.

That night, the magistrate tried putting a coin into the magic jar. Sure enough, the coin doubled.

"Haha, I'm rich! Rich!"

Feeling pleased, the magistrate fell asleep, dreaming of what to put in the jar next.

The next morning...

"Son! Son! Let me out!"

Storytelling Activity Content



Story

The magistrate's father shouted for him. Startled, the magistrate ran towards the voice. To his surprise, his father was trapped inside the magic jar!

"Father! Why are you in there?"

"I saw an unfamiliar jar and peeked inside, but I fell in!"

The magistrate pulled his father out.

But then...

"Son! Son! Let me out!"

The voice of his father came again from inside the jar. There was another person in the jar who looked exactly like his father.

"What is going on?"

The magistrate pulled his father out again.

"Oh dear! Which one of you is my real father?"

At this, the two fathers began to argue.

"Of course, I'm the real one!"

Storytelling Activity Content



Story

"What are you talking about! I am the real one!"

"Oh no, my greed has caused this mess."

From then on, the greedy magistrate had to live with two fathers.

Storytelling Activity Content



Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared? The farmer bought land from the greedy Old Man, but what was there a lot of on the land?

That's right, there were many stones. The farmer picked the stones out of the field with a pickaxe. Rocks come in various sizes, from small pebbles to large boulders. If there are too many stones in the field, it makes farming difficult, and plants struggle to grow. So, farmers need to remove all the stones using tools like hoes, picks, and shovels.

While picking the stones, the farmer discovered a jar. What did the farmer store in that jar?

Yes, rice. In Korea, jars are mainly used for storing various foods. They can hold rice, water, and alcohol, and are also used for fermenting gochujang, doenjang, and kimchi. There are places called jangdokdae where jars are kept, and grandmothers carefully clean and maintain them. If you're curious about Korean jars, 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 "The Magic Jar" with Grandma.

Thanks to the magic jar, the kind farmer became rich, but the greedy magistrate ended up with two fathers. The magistrate deeply regretted his greed. We can see that excessive and wrongful greed leads to bad outcomes. I hope you all can share and live without greed amongst your friends!



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!