



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

The Story of Dangun

Age

Children (Ages 6-9)

Topic

- **Goal** : Learn the mindset of striving to achieve what you want.
- **Topic** : Patience

keywords

Hwanung, Foundation Myth, Dangun, Ungnyeo, Tiger, Bear, Gojoseon, National Foundation Day

Korean Culture

- **Goal** : Engage in the story of the birth of Dangun, who founded Gojoseon, the first nation of Korea.
- **Elements** : Dangun, Gojoseon

Korean

- **Goal** : Listen to the story attentively and share the wishes of the characters.
- **Words** : 환웅 (Hwanung), 웅녀 (Ungnyeo), 곰 (Bear), 호랑이 (Tiger)
- **Expressions** :
환웅은 사람들을 도와주고 싶었어요.
(Hwanung wanted to help people.)



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 Story of Dangun".

Do you all know the name of our country? The current name of our country is the Republic of Korea. But did you know that it had different names in the past? The first country established in our land was 'Gojoseon'. Gojoseon was founded by Grandfather Dangun. There's a special story passed down about this Grandfather Dangun. Shall we listen to the story together with Grandma?



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into "The Story of Dangun"!

♪ 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

It's a story from a very long time ago. In the heavenly kingdom, there was a king. The king had a son named 'Hwanung.' Hwanung was incredibly wise and had a curious mind. Whenever he had the chance, He would look through the clouds to look down on the human world. Each time the seasons changed; he found it fascinating how people lived differently.

"People seemed to really enjoy their lives. The heavenly kingdom is great, but living with people in the human world would be nice too....."

The king, noticing Hwanung's wish, said.

"My son, would you like to go down to the human world and help people there?"

Hwanung was thrilled and said,

"Thank you, Father! I would love to do that."

Hwanung came down to a magical tree on top of Taebaeksan Mountain. People welcomed him as he came down from the heavens. Along with the gods of wind, clouds, and rain, Hwanung helped people farm their fields. Thanks to Hwanung, people lived peaceful lives.

One day, a tiger and a bear came to Hwanung and asked.

"Hwanung, we want to become human. Please help us."

"Hwanung, if we can be human, we can do anything you tell us to do!"

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Story

Hwanung replied, giving them a bunch of mugwort and twenty cloves of garlic.

"If you eat only mugwort and garlic for a hundred days without seeing sunlight, you will become human."

"Thank you, Hwanung! We will do exactly as you say."

The tiger and the bear went into a dark cave with no sunlight, taking only mugwort and garlic with them. The cave was pitch dark, stuffy and boring, and on top of that, it was hard to eat bittered mugwort and spicy garlic. After a few days, the tiger said.

"A hundred days are too long! I can't stand it. I'm going out, and I won't eat mugwort and garlic anymore."

"To become human, we must be patient. Let's try to stay a little longer. Don't give up."

The bear tried to soothe the tiger, but it was of no use.

"Roar, I will not become a human. I will live as a tiger, roar!"

The tiger ran out of the cave.

The bear was left alone and felt scared and lonely, but it kept its mouth shut tight to endure because the bear really wanted to be a human being.

Day after day, not knowing when it was morning or night, it followed the rule and something very odd happened to the bear one day.

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Story

The bear started to feel all achy. Its big mouth and ears got smaller, and its sharp claws became blunt. The thick, dark fur all over its body became thin. The bear turned into a human. Finally, the bear's wish came true. The bear, now a human, came out of the cave.

"Oh, the bear turned into a human. Oh, it turned into a woman"! People called the bear "Ungnyeo". Ungnyeo means a bear woman.

Ungnyeo wanted to have a baby and take care of it like other people.

"Please, let me have a baby, too."

Every day, Ungnyeo prayed hard under a magical tree. Hwanung quietly watched Ungnyeo who wanted a baby very much. And finally, Hwanung spoke to Ungnyeo.

"Will you marry me?"

Hwanung and Ungnyeo got married with everyone's blessings. Rainbow-colored sunlight shone brightly all over the world. Ungnyeo, married to Hwanung, had a healthy baby boy after ten months.

"I will name this child 'Dangun.' Dangun will also help the world greatly just like me." Hwanung said happily.

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Story

Young Dangun grew up strong and became the king of a country called "Gojoseon". He worked hard to help people. Later, Dangun wisely ruled Gojoseon for over a thousand years, then went into the deep mountains to become a mountain spirit. Even as a mountain spirit, he never forgot Gojoseon, the country he founded, and took good care of its people.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared?

In the story of Dangun, there were many wishes. A wish is something you hope to come true. What was Hwanung's wish? Yes, his wish was to come down to Earth and help people. Hwanung also granted Ungnyeo's wish to have a child. Hwanung married Ungnyeo and they had a baby. That baby was Grandfather Dangun.

What did Grandfather Dangun do, everyone?

Right, he founded Gojoseon and became its king. Our country commemorates the day Gojoseon was founded every year. That day is October 3rd, called National Foundation Day. On National Foundation Day, every house hangs the national flag to celebrate. Foundation Day means "the day the heavens opened", because Dangun's father came down from heaven. Like his father, Dangun worked hard to help people a lot. This kind of mindset is called "Hongik Ingan". If you're curious about Grandfather Dangun and Gojoseon, 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 Dangun" with Grandma.

The bear and tiger that came to Hwanung wanted to become humans. They had to eat mugwort and garlic in a dark cave. The tiger couldn't stand it and gave up, but the bear didn't give up. Though scared and lonely, the bear's hard effort paid off, and it finally became Ungnyeo. If you want something, just like the bear, don't give up and keep trying. Even when tough times come, then say, "I can do it!". If you don't give up until the end, you'll be able to achieve what you want!



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!