



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

Gyeonu and Jingnyeo

Age

Children (Ages 3-5)

Topic

- **Goal** : Learn that we should take responsibility for the tasks we are given.
- **Topic** : Responsibility

keywords

Love, Chilseok, Herdsman, Folklore, Milky Way, Seasonal Customs, Weaving

Korean Culture

- **Goal** : Learn about the Korean summer holiday of Chilseok.
- **Elements** : Chilseok

Korean

- **Goal** : Listen to the story attentively and learn about the day Gyeonu and Jingnyeo meet.
- **Words** : 견우 (Gyeonu), 직녀 (Jingnyeo), 칠석 (Chilseok)
- **Expressions** :
견우와 직녀는 칠석에 만나요.
(Gyeonu and Jingnyeo meet on Chilseok.)



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! "Gyeonu and Jingnyeo".

Gyeonu was a herdsman who drove cattle in the heavenly kingdom. Jingnyeo was a princess who wove fabrics. The two fell in love at first sight and came to love each other deeply. However, it is said that Gyeonu and Jingnyeo can only meet once a year. Shall we listen to the story to find out why they can only meet for just one day?



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "Gyeonu and Jingnyeo"!

♪ 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, high up in the sky, there was a beautiful princess named Jingnyeo. She was called by that name because she weaved the most wonderful fabrics. Heavenly people made clothing with Jingnyeo's fabric.

When the spring air was filled with the smell of flowers, Princess Jingnyeo decided to pick pretty flowers from a field. She wanted to embroider her cloth with beautiful flowers. Jingnyeo went to the field outside the palace. At that time, she saw a man driving a herd of cows from a distance. He was herding cows and playing a grass flute. The music was so pretty that Jingnyeo stopped and listened to the music.

"Wow, this music touches my heart."

The man with the grass flute saw Jingnyeo and fell in love.

"Hello, I'm Gyeonu, and I take care of the cows."

Gyeonu and Jingnyeo liked each other as soon as they met. The king, who was looking for a husband for Jingnyeo, liked Gyeonu very much because he took good care of his cows. They had a wedding with the blessings of the heavenly kingdom's people. Gyeonu and Jingnyeo, now husband and wife, spent happy times together.

"Jingnyeo, it's such a nice day. Shall we go to see the flowers?"

"Gyeonu, don't you have to take care of the cows?"

"The cows will be fine on their own in the field."

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Story

Gyeonu and Jingnyeo forgot about their work and went out to play in the mountains and fields every day.

"When will she make cloth, and who will take care of the cows if they play every day?"

"Hehe, this is the best time of their lives. They will work again soon."

At first, the people in the sky world thought it was sweet to see them play.

But as time went by, Gyeonu and Jingnyeo kept playing and didn't do their work.

"We're running out of fabrics to make clothes."

"The cows are getting thinner because they're not eating well."

The people couldn't bear it anymore and told the king. The king was very angry when he heard this. He called Gyeonu and Jingnyeo and punished them.

"You two, leave the palace right now and live separately! Jingnyeo, you will live on the west side of the Milky Way River, and Gyeonu, on the east side. You must work every day without rest!"

Gyeonu and Jingnyeo, realizing their mistake, cried, and asked for forgiveness. They worked hard to make up for their wrong mistakes.

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Story

Seeing this, the king allowed them to meet once a year, on the 7th day of July according to the lunar calendar, it's "Chilseok". They worked hard, waiting for Chilseok.

Finally, Chilseok came. Gyeonu and Jingnyeo rushed to the Milky Way River, but they couldn't cross it because the river was too wide and deep. They called each other's names and cried loudly. Their many tears flooded the forests and villages below.

"What is going on? Why isn't flooding stop?"

"Flooding is caused by Gyeonu and Jingnyeo's tears. They are so sad because they weren't able meet each other."

People and animals on Earth suffered from floods every Chilseok because of the heavy rain.

Time passed, and the next Chilseok came. Gyeonu and Jingnyeo started to cry again, calling each other's names across the Milky Way River.

Then, crows and magpies flew in and put their heads together to build a long, strong bridge.

"Gyeonu! Jingnyeo! Cross the Milky Way River quickly. From now on, we will make a bridge for you."

Thanks to the bridge made by the crows and magpies, the two finally met.

"Gyeonu! I missed you so much!"

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Story

"Jingnyeo, how have you been?"

When they finally met, they were so happy that they shed tears with joy. Soft rain started to fall from the sky, making the ground wet. The people were thankful for the bridge that the crows and magpies made and called it "Ojakgyo Bridge".

Every year on Chilseok, Gyeonu and Jingnyeo could meet thanks to Ojakgyo. Even now, it rains on Chilseok. Maybe it's because of their tears of joy.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared?

Gyeonu and Jingnyeo could only meet once a year. Do you remember who helped them cross the Milky Way River? Yes, the crows and the magpies made a bridge for them. That bridge is called "Ojakgyo". So, a person who helps loved ones to meet is called love "Ojakgyo", a love bridge.

Do you remember when Gyeonu and Jingnyeo were able to meet?

That's right. They meet on "Chilseok". Chilseok is the 7th day of July of the lunar calendar. A long time ago, on Chilseok, women used to weave cloth. They prayed to be as good at sewing as Jingnyeo. And after Chilseok, they also would dry out wet clothes. If you're curious about Chilseok, check out the "Dorandoran Story Grandma's Bag of Stories" website for more details!

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Wrap up

Everyone, it's already time to say goodbye. Did you enjoy the story of "Gyeonu and Jingnyeo"?

Gyeonu and Jingnyeo, who loved each other, couldn't see because they didn't do their work. If you have things to do, try to complete it first. Whether at school, at home, or with friends, I hope you all can be responsible and finish what you started!



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!