



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

Seoni's Special Stone Pile

Age

Children (Ages 3-5)

Topic

- **Goal** : Learn the good heart and wisdom of Seoni, who shared the rice of the wealthy old man with those in need.
- **Topic** : Wisdom, Sharing

keywords

Farming, Crops, Rice, Acorns, Stones, Gold, Wealthy, Wisdom, Sharing

Korean Culture

- **Goal** : Learn how to make and eat acorn jelly, a traditional Korean food made from acorns.
- **Elements** : Acorn Jelly

Korean

- **Goal** : Learn about the units used to count groups of item stacked together, as well as units for measuring grains or salt.
- **Words** : 무더기 (Pile), 더미 (Heap), 말 (Mal), 섬 (Large Sack/Seom), 가마니 (Bag)
- **Expressions** :
돌을 모아서 돌무더기를 만들었어요.
(I gathered the stones and made a pile of stones.)
쌀더미를 쌓아 놓았어요. (I stacked a heap of rice.)
쌀 한 가마니만 빼놓았어요. (I take out just one bag of rice.)



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! "Seoni's Special Stone Pile"

Everyone, a stone pile refers to a pile of stones stacked together. The main character of our story, Seoni, is a kind-hearted girl who shares rice with hungry people. One day, Seoni gathered stones and built a stone pile. Let's listen to Grandma's story to find out why Seoni made the stone pile.



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "Seoni's Special Stone Pile"!

♪ 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, there lived a greedy rich old man in a village. He was so greedy that even though he had piles of grain, he never shared a single grain with the hungry villagers. Not only that, but when he lent grain to others, he would take it back double. If he did not receive the lent grain back, he would even take their land away.

Seoni's parents, who lived in the same village, also borrowed rice from the rich old man. When autumn came, they harvested the well-ripened grain. However, after paying back what they had borrowed from the rich old man, they had nothing to eat. Thinking about how to survive, Seoni's parents sighed in worry.

"Oh dear, what should we do? How are we going to survive the cold winter without a single grain of rice?"

Seeing this, the kind-hearted Seoni went to the mountains to gather acorns. She wanted to make acorn jelly for her parents.

As Seoni was diligently picking acorns, she discovered a yellow stone shining brightly.

"Wow, this is a pretty stone that sparkles. I should take it home."

That night, Seoni met an old man with a white beard and long white hair in her dream. The old man said to Seoni,

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"Seoni, starting tomorrow, pile up the stones high, and place the yellow stone you found today on top. Then, good things will happen."

From the next day, Seoni began stacking the stones as instructed by the old man in her dream. Before long, the stone pile grew taller than the fence, and Seoni placed the sparkling yellow stone on the very top.

Meanwhile, the rich old man, who had harvested his grain, had piles of rice stacked up to a hundred large sacks.

"Hahaha, just looking at this heap of rice makes me full. I wonder how well the villagers have farmed?"

As the rich old man passed by Seoni's house, he was startled to see the stone pile Seoni had built.

"Isn't that a pile of gold? With that much gold, aren't they richer than me? Oh dear, how can I take all of that?"

In the eyes of the greedy old rich man, the stone pile looked like a pile of gold.

He immediately went to Seoni's house.

"Seoni's father, where did you get the things in your backyard?"

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Story

"Oh, that's just Seoni collecting useless stones from somewhere and piling them up. No matter how much I tell her to clean it up, she doesn't listen."

"Hmmm, to not even recognize gold... heh heh heh!"

The rich old man spoke to Seoni's father,

"Do you have any intention of exchanging that stone pile for a hundred large sacks of rice from my house?"

"What? What did you say? That stone pile?"

"I urgently need those stones. Please, I beg you."

Hearing her father and the rich man's conversation, Seoni thought it was strange.

"Sir, if you write a contract to trade that stone pile for a hundred large sacks of rice, I will give it to you."

"Sure, let's write it right away."

The rich man, thinking about possessing all the gold, wrote the contract.

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Story

"But if I give all the rice, I won't have anything to eat, so, I'll need to take out just one bag of rice from the top."

"Okay. Then we'll take out just one stone from the top."

Then, with the help of the villagers, they exchanged the stone pile for a hundred large sacks of rice.

But what was this? The rich old man, who returned home happily, was so shocked that he almost fainted.

"No, this can't be! This is not gold; it's just stones!"

The sparkling yellow stone on top made the other stones look like yellow gold. Angry, the rich old man ran to Seoni's house.

"Hey, Seoni's father! Let's consider this matter as if it never happened. I misjudged, so give me back my hundred large sacks of rice."

The greedy rich old man insisted that Seoni return his rice.

"That's not possible. You wrote a contract here, didn't you?"

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Story

With Seoni's words, the rich old man had no choice but to return home grumbling.

After the rich old man left, Seoni spoke to her father.

"Father, since this rice isn't originally ours, how about we share it with the villagers? Everyone is struggling after being robbed of rice by the rich old man."

"Alright, let's do that."

The villagers praised Seoni's kind heart and wisdom. From then on, the villagers shared their food with each other and lived harmoniously.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared? The rich old man saw Seoni's stone pile and suggested exchanging it for a hundred large sacks of rice. Why did he do that?

Yes, to the rich old man, Seoni's stone pile looked like shiny gold. So, he suggested trading it for a hundred large sacks of rice to gain more wealth. Do you know the unit of measurement for rice? In fact, one bag rice weighs eighty kilograms, which is about the weight of an adult person. One large sack, or a "seom", is almost as big as two bags of rice. So, a hundred "seom" of rice means two hundred bags, which is an enormous amount.

You see, the kind-hearted Seoni went to the mountains to gather acorns. What kind of food did she want to make for her parents?

Yes, acorn jelly. Have you ever tried acorn jelly? Acorn jelly is made by finely grinding acorns, boiling the powder, cooling it, and letting it set. Though acorn jelly has a slightly astringent taste, it is said to be particularly good for health. Dishes made from acorn jelly include acorn jelly salad and acorn jelly rice. If you ever get the chance, you should try acorn jelly. If you're curious about acorn jelly, 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 "Seoni's Special Stone Pile" with Grandma.

The rich old man, thinking Seoni's stone pile was made entirely of gold, was greedy. Because of the sparkling yellow stone on top, he thought all the other stones were gold as well. When the rich old man proposed exchanging the stone pile for a hundred bags of rice, Seoni wrote a contract and obtained the rice. The rice was shared evenly among the struggling villagers. Thanks to Seoni's warm heart, the villagers became good neighbors. Let's all share warm hearts and live harmoniously together.



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!