



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

The Gomtijae Tiger

Age

Children (Ages 3-5)

Topic

- **Goal** : Reflect on the courage of Gopdan, who helps a tiger in distress, and the tiger's gratitude in return.
- **Topic** : Courage, Gratitude

keywords

Courage, Gratitude, Market Day, Gomtijae, Mountain Pass, Tiger, Thorns, Wolf

Korean Culture

- **Goal** : Take an interest in the mountain passes that people crossed to buy and sell goods on market days.
- **Elements** : Korean Mountain Passes

Korean

- **Goal** : Learn expressions related to sounds and actions that occur when feeling scared or fearful.
- **Words** : 후들후들 (Trembling), 두근두근 (Pounding)
- **Expressions** : 다리가 후들후들 떨렸어요.
(My legs were trembling.)
가슴이 두근두근 뛰었어요.
(My heart was pounding.)



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 Gomtijae Tiger"

Have you ever heard of the name "Gomtijae"? Gomtijae is a mountain pass that connects Maejeon-myeon to Cheongdo-eup in Gyeongsangbuk-do. These days, there's a tunnel, so people can drive through, but in the past, it was a deep, dark forest where even terrifying tigers would appear. How would you feel if you met a tiger while crossing Gomtijae? I think if I encountered a tiger there, I would be so surprised that I might faint! Once, a character named Gopdan met a tiger at Gomtijae. What do you think Gopdan did? Let's step into the story!



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "The Gomtijae Tiger"!

♪ 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, in a deep mountain valley, there was a girl named Gopdan. Gopdan lived alone with her grandmother.

"Grandma, I'll sell a lot of rice cakes today too!"

"Oh dear, you're working so hard for your age. Be careful on the mountain paths."

Gopdan helped support her family by selling the rice cakes her grandmother made at the market. The market was very far from her home. Even when she left early in the morning, she always returned home after dark. When she goes and comes back from the market, she must cross the high mountain pass called Gomtijae.

"Gopdan, you must cross Gomtijae before it gets dark. At night, scary wolves and tigers appear on the pass."

Her grandmother always worried about Gopdan who traveled alone on the mountain paths.

"Don't worry, Grandma. The moon and stars are sparkling, making it as bright as daytime. If I get scared, I will just sing the song you taught me."

Gopdan spoke cheerfully on purpose.

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Story

Then one day, she was late selling the rice cakes and ended up crossing Gomtijae in the dark of night. Feeling scared, she sang loudly as she walked quickly. Suddenly, she noticed something approaching from afar.

"What is that? What if it's a wolf?"

Gopdan was too scared to move. But thinking of her grandmother, she mustered up her courage to continue taking steps forward.

At that moment,

"Oh my!"

Right in front of her stood a large tiger with its mouth wide open.

'Oh no! The tiger is opening its mouth to eat me. What should I do?'

Gopdan was filled with fear. Her legs trembled, and her heart raced as if it would burst.

'Oh, I'm going to be eaten by the tiger!'

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Story

Trembling, Gopdan tightly closed her eyes. After a while, the tiger neither attacked her nor growled. It was so quiet that Gopdan slowly opened her eyes. The tiger was still sitting quietly in front of her with its mouth wide open.

'Huh? Why is the tiger just sitting there with its mouth open?'

As time passed, her fear began to fade away. So, she opened her eyes wide and looked inside the tiger's open mouth. Upon closer inspection, she saw a sharp wooden thorn stuck in the tiger's throat. The tiger was opening its mouth to ask for help in removing the thorn.

"Oh dear, how painful that must be!"

Gopdan gathered her courage and pulled out the thorn from the tiger's throat. As the thorn was pulled out, tears welled up in the tiger's eyes from the pain.

"Roar!"

The tiger, grateful to Gopdan for removing the thorn, wagged its tail and disappeared.

A few days later, Gopdan was returning home after selling the rice cakes her grandmother had made.

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Story

That day, she encountered a wolf while crossing Gomtijae in the dark.

"Help me, help me! The wolf is trying to eat me!"

But in this deep mountain, there was no one to help Gopdan.

'I guess I'll never see Grandma again. Who will take care of her now?'

Thinking of her grandmother, Gopdan shed tears. As the wolf crept closer, she thought, 'This is it. I'm done for.' and tightly shut her eyes.

"Argh, argh."

Just then, as the wolf was about to pounce on Gopdan,

"Roar, roar!"

The tiger appeared. It was the same tiger Gopdan had helped a few days earlier by removing the thorn from its throat. The tiger had been waiting to thank Gopdan, and when it saw her in danger, it rushed to help. When Gopdan opened her eyes, the wolf had disappeared, and only the tiger was quietly sitting there.

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Story

"Tiger, you saved me. Thank you so much."

From that day on, the tiger waited at Gomtijae every day and accompanied Gopdan home. Thanks to her tiger friend, Gopdan no longer felt scared on the mountain paths.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared? How did Gopdan feel when she first met the tiger at Gomtijae?

Yes, she was so scared that she couldn't move. I think if I met a tiger, my legs would tremble, and my heart would race. When we feel scared, we say our legs are "trembling" (hudeul-hudeul) and our hearts are "pounding" (dugeun-dugeun). "Hudeul-hudeul" describes the shaking of arms and legs, while "dugeun-dugeun" refers to the sound or feeling of a heart racing from fear.

In the past, people often had to cross high mountain passes to reach the market. Gopdan also crossed the "jae" of "Gomtijae." "Jae" means pass. What animals did Gopdan meet during that time?

Yes, she met a tiger and a wolf. Nowadays, there are tunnels or well-paved roads that make it easy to cross the pass, but in the past, while walking over high mountains, scary wild animals would often appear. So, people always had to be careful. If you're curious about the mountain passes in Korea, 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 "The Gomtijae Tiger" with Grandma.

The kind Gopdan, who helped her grandmother, encountered a scary tiger while crossing Gomtijae. Gopdan bravely pulled the thorn from the tiger's mouth. Then, just when Gopdan was about to be eaten by the wolf at Gomtijae, the tiger appeared and saved her. From that day on, the tiger accompanied Gopdan home every day. Thanks to that, Gopdan no longer felt scared on the mountain paths.

Everyone, this was an interesting story about how kind Gopdan and the scary tiger became friends by helping each other. I hope you also become wonderful friends who understand each other's feelings and help one another with courage.



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!