



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

Yi Hwang, the Famous Scholar Who Turned a Rice Paddy into a Field

Age

Children (Ages 6-9)

Topic

- **Goal** : To take an interest in the beautiful heart of scholar Yi Hwang, who sacrifices his own for others.
- **Topic** : Consideration

keywords

Yi Hwang, Dosan Seowon, 1,000 Won, Currency, Farming, Rice Farming, Field Farming, Rice, Joseon, Confucian Scholar, Scholar

Korean Culture

- **Goal** : Engage in Yi Hwang's story and become interested in farming.
- **Elements** : Farming

Korean

- **Goal** : To listen to the story in an engaging way and learn relevant proverbs.
- **Words** : 물 대기 (Watering)
- **Expressions** : 제 논에 물 대기 (Watering only my rice field.)



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! "Yi Hwang, the Famous Scholar Who Turned a Rice Paddy into a Field".

In our country, we eat rice. Rice comes from the grains of rice plants. Planting rice in rice paddies is called "rice farming". Planting beans or cabbages in fields is called "field farming". Rice farming gives us precious rice, but it needs a lot of water and can be hard to do. On the other hand, field farming doesn't need as much water. Considering his status, rice farming wasn't a difficult job for Yi Hwang, but he chose to turn his rice paddies into fields. Want to hear grandma's story about why he did that?



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "Yi Hwang, the Famous Scholar Who Turned a Rice Paddy into a Field"!

♪ 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

A long, long time ago, there was a country named Joseon. In Joseon, there was a scholar named Yi Hwang who was very thoughtful and loved to read books. Yi Hwang had a kind heart and always thought of others before himself, which made a lot of people trust and follow him. He built a school to teach people. The school's name was "Dosan Seowon". Even today, you can see Yi Hwang and Dosan Seowon on the 1,000 won bill. It's because people wanted to remember Yi Hwang and his good deeds.

This story is when Yi Hwang was studying hard in his home-town, Andong. Most of the villagers farmed rice paddies. To grow rice, you need a lot of water. The villagers had to bring water from streams or reservoirs to fill the rice paddy. Therefore, in rice farming, getting water to the rice field was very important. In the village where Yi Hwang lived, there was a stream. All the villagers wanted to use the water for their rice paddies. But it was very difficult to take water from the stream to the rice paddies far away. Some farmers couldn't get water to their rice paddies, so they couldn't harvest their rice when there was little rain.

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Story

One day, when Yi Hwang was in his study reading a book, he heard his servants talking outside.

"Our master's rice paddy is right by the stream, so it's really great for farming. It's easy to get water."

"Right. Even in a drought, we're fine. But some villagers struggle because there's not enough water."

"Yeah, after we take water for our rice paddy, there's not much left for the others."

Hearing this, Yi Hwang thought to himself.

"Ah, so we've used up most of the stream in our rice paddy. Is there a better way to do this?"

After thinking for a while, Yi Hwang called his servants and said,

"Change our rice paddy into a field."

The servants were puzzled.

"Pardon? To get a lot of rice, we need to plant rice in rice paddy. In a field, we can only plant beans or vegetables. That's a big loss. Why would you want to do that?"

they complained. Yi Hwang smiled and answered,

"Hahaha, I can live just by farming in the fields, but if the villagers fail in their rice farming, how will they survive? Field farming needs much less water. If they can use the rest of water, everyone can get enough crops, right?"

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Story

The servants nodded their heads and thought,
"He really has a big heart."

They understood Yi Hwang's deep intention and admired him more. Just as Yi Hwang ordered, the servants turned the water-filled rice paddy into a field. And as they worked hard at farming, the field was full of fruit.

Thanks to Yi Hwang's thoughtfulness, the villagers were able to water their rice paddies. So, they harvested more rice than before. The villagers were thankful for Yi Hwang's kind heart and respected him deeply.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared?

Can you tell what's important in rice farming? Yes, it's getting water to the rice paddies. All the farmers wanted water for their own rice paddies. Some farmers thought only about themselves and took water just for their rice paddies. This is called "watering only my rice field". It's a saying used for people who only think about themselves. Since our country has been farming for a long time, we have many sayings about farming. Let's find out what other sayings there are with your parents.

We farm to harvest crops. We use these crops to make rice and side dishes, which is how we have lived. That's why farming is so important. What kind of farming did people in our country do?

Right, they did rice farming, which needs a lot of water, and field farming, which doesn't need as much water. In the rice paddies, they planted rice, and in the fields, they planted beans and vegetables. When the farming went well that year, the villagers would have a feast. If you're curious about farming culture, 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 "Yi Hwang, the Famous Scholar Who Turned a Rice Paddy into a Field" with Grandma.

Yi Hwang changed his rice paddy into a field because if he used water for his rice paddy, there wouldn't be enough water for the villagers to farm their fields. Yi Hwang thought of other people's problems as if his own and tried to solve them. We should be considerate of the people around us, just like Yi Hwang. Then, you can also get help when you need it. So, I hope you become a good person who helps people who are in need. Try reaching out first and ask, "Can I help you with something?"



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!