



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

The Rabbit's Trial

Age

Children (Ages 3-5)

Topic

- **Goal** : Engage in the story of how a rabbit helps a scholar in danger with wisdom.
- **Topic** : Wisdom

keywords

Tiger, Rabbit, Scholar, Trial, Gratitude

Korean Culture

- **Goal** : Understand what Seonbi(scholar) is.
- **Elements** : Scholar, Civil Service Exam

Korean

- **Goal** : Listen to the story with interest and learn Korean expressions.
- **Words** : 선비 (Scholar), 호랑이 (Tiger), 토끼 (Rabbit), 은혜 (Favor)
- **Expressions** : 은혜를 갚는다. (Repay a favor.)



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 Rabbit's Trial".

Have you ever had an argument with a friend? Neither of you agreed as to who is right. In such a case, wouldn't it be helpful if someone could tell you who is right or wrong? A trial is a process to decide who is right or wrong. Let's begin the journey into the story of the rabbit's trial!



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "The Rabbit's Trial"!

♪ 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, a scholar was on his way to take the civil service exam. As he passed through a deep forest, he heard the roar of a tiger.

"Roar! Growl..."

"Oh no, there must be a tiger nearby."

The scholar, frightened, trembled and hurried along.

"Roar! Growl....."

The tiger's roar grew louder but sounded strangely sad.

Feeling curious, the scholar turned around and walked towards the sound of the tiger's cries. Soon he found a large tiger trapped in a deep pit, shedding tears.

"...Roar! Growl Please, kind sir, save me."

"If I save you, you might eat me. I'm sorry, but you'll have to get out on your own."

As the scholar was about to leave, the tiger pleaded desperately,

"If you help me out, I will never forget your kindness. Please, help me."

The tiger sobbed and begged.

"Really?"

The scholar felt sorry for the crying tiger.

So, the scholar decided to help. He dragged a large tree branch that was lying nearby and threw it into the pit.

"There, step on the tree and climb out."

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Story

The tiger stepped on the uprooted tree the scholar had thrown and jumped out of the pit. The tiger, once out, was much larger than the scholar had expected. The scholar, though scared, spoke calmly,

"Well, I will be on my way now. Be careful not to fall into pits in the future."

Just then, the tiger smacked his lips and blocked the scholar's path.

"Roar! I've been trapped in the pit for three days and I'm so hungry! I must eat you. Roar!"

The tiger, forgetting the kindness of the scholar who saved his life, now threatened to eat scholar.

"I saved your life. But now you are going to repay my help by eating me?"

The scholar was trembling, but he mustered up all his courage and spoke.

"Why should I repay you? It was the human who made the pit that almost killed me in starvation."

Then, the tiger tried to attack and eat the scholar.

"Didn't you promise not to eat me?"

The scholar regretted saving the tiger.

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Story

Just then, a rabbit happened to pass by. The scholar said to the tiger,

"Let's ask that rabbit passing by who is right in this situation."

"Alright. But no going back on your word."

The tiger replied confidently, believing that another animal, the rabbit, would take the tiger's side.

"Rabbit, wise rabbit with big ears, please listen to my story."

The scholar told the rabbit about how he had saved the tiger.

"Hmm, are you asking me to judge who is right in this matter?" asked the rabbit after listening to the scholar's story.

"Yes, I felt sorry for the tiger and saved him, but now he's forgotten my kindness and wants to eat me."

the scholar replied.

"I fell into a pit dug by humans! Why should I be grateful to a human? Roar!"

the tiger said, smacking his lips.

"Mr. Tiger, are you sure that humans dug pit? May I take a look at it?"

The tiger showed the rabbit where the pit was. The rabbit looked at the pit and thought for a while, then asked the tiger,

"So, Mr. Tiger, you were trapped here, in this pit?"

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Story

"Yes! I fell into this pit here!"

"How did you fall into this pit?"

When the rabbit asked again, the impatient tiger went into the pit and spoke.

"I was trapped down here like this!"

"Then, was this tree also originally in the pit?"

"No. this tree was over there."

The quick-witted scholar quickly removed the tree from the pit and said it.

"A-ha! I see. Scholar, you should continue your way."

The rabbit told the scholar. The scholar thanked the rabbit for its help.

"What? Get me out of here now! Roar!"

Only then did the tiger realize the rabbit's clever plan and shouted loudly.

"You ungrateful tiger. Reflect on your wrongdoing while you're in the pit."

The rabbit said. And so, the ungrateful tiger ended up trapped in the pit once again.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared?

What did the rabbit say when the tiger fell back into the pit at the end? That's right. The rabbit said the tiger was ungrateful. Our ancestors believed in returning the favor when someone helped them. This is called "repaying the favor". But the tiger ignored the help he received. That's why the rabbit said the tiger was "ungrateful".

Children, who helped the tiger that fell into the pit?

It was the scholar who was on his way to taking the civil service exam (gwageo). In the Joseon Dynasty, people who studied hard were called scholars(Seonbi). Scholars studied diligently to take the civil service exam. If they passed, they could become ranking government officials. If you're curious about the scholar and the civil service exam, check out the "Dorandoran Story Grandma's Bag of Stories" website for more details!

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Wrap up

Kids, how do you think the rabbit knew who was telling the truth?

Yes, the rabbit listened to both scholar and the tiger until the end and then went to see the pit for himself. After that, he thought deeply about who was right. He also cleverly made the tiger enter the pit again with just a few words. The rabbit's wisdom is utterly amazing, isn't it? When someone asks for your help, you can help them wisely like the rabbit did.



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!