# Korean Traditional Tales a nd Stories





#### Themes of Traditional Tales

- "Reward the good, punish the bad"
- Characters who are good in the stories, and work hard are rewarded for their diligence
- Characters who are bad, and cause trouble for others, meet an unfortunate ending

# Honoring Elders and Family

- Korea culture is based in part on Confucianism
- Elders are honored above everyone else
- Family is very important, and sons and daughters should be devoted to their families

• These values are called hyo 효 in Korea

# Magic and Supernatural

 Certain magical or unexplainable circumstances happ en

- The good characters are helped or blessed by a kind a nimal, or a supernatural character or object
- The bad characters are attacked or punished by anima ls or some supernatural occurrence

Let's learn about the story of Heungbu and Nolbu



- There was a man named Heungbu who had a wife and 10 children
- But he was very poor and couldn't take care of them
- He went to his rich brother Nolbu to ask for some foo d
- But, the greedy Nolbu told Heungbu to leave him alon
  e

- One day, a sparrow with a broken leg was found by H eungbu's house
- His family took care of the swallow and nursed it back to health and the sparrow flew away



- The next day, the sparrow came back and gave them s ome magic seeds
- Heungbu buried them in the garden and the next day, the garden was covered with giant gourds





- When Heungbu opened the gourds, diamonds and ot her treasures came out
- Heungbu and his family became very rich
- But Nolbu was jealous of his brother's wealth





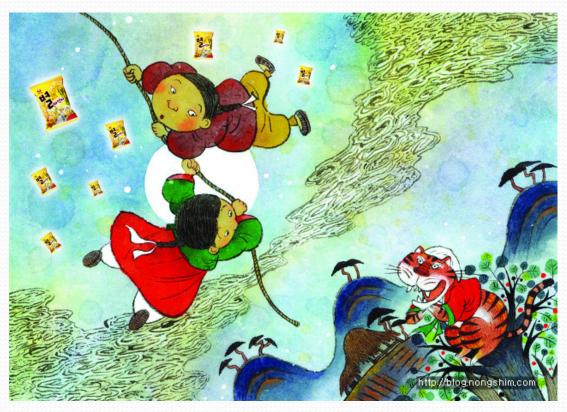
- Nolbu kidnapped the bird and broke its leg
- He then took care of it until it got better
- The bird flew away, and came back the next day
- It gave Nolbu some magic seeds
- After the seeds were planted, giant gourds grew all ar ound Nolbu's house

- He greedily opened the biggest gourd
- But instead of treasures, there were goblins inside, an d as soon as they were released, they began to destroy Nolbu's house and all of his belongings



- Nolbu became the poorest person in town and turned to Heungbu for help
- Heungbu helped his brother and gave him food and s helter
- Nolbu became a good person after seeing the kindnes s of his brother

 Now, let's learn about the story of the Sun and the Mo on



- There was a poor mother who lived with her son and daughter in the forest
- One day, the mother was returning home with a bask et full of rice cakes when a tiger appeared

He demanded a rice cake, and the woman gave one to

him



- He let her go, but after a short time, he bothered her a gain for another rice cake, which she gave him
- This continued until she had no more rice cakes left
- She asked him to let her go so that she could go home and see her children, but instead, the tiger ate her up



- He thought that eating som
   e children was a great idea, s
   o he put on her clothing so t
   hat he could pretend he was
   their mother
- When the tiger got to the h ouse, the children thought h e was their mother
- However, the tiger forgot to hide his tail, and the childre n ran outside



- They climbed to the top of a tree, but the tiger found an ax and began to chop the tree down
- The children prayed to heaven, and a rope came down
- The children climbed the rope up into the sky



- The tiger called for a rope also, but as he climbed his r ope, its snapped and he fell back down to Earth
- In order to keep the children safe, heaven caused the girl to become the sun, and the boy to become the mo on





## Hanbok 한복

- In these stories, all of the characters are wearing traditional clothing
- These are called hanbok 한복
- They have been worn in Korea for hundreds of years



#### Parts of a Hanbok

- Women's Hanbok
  - Jeogori 저고리 a blouse skirt or jacket
  - Chima 치마 a wrap around skirt
- Men's Hanbok
  - Jeogori 저고리
  - Baji 바지 baggy pants



# Hanbok Coloring Activity

 Color the different parts of the women's and men's ha nbok

