

Hong Kil-dong and the Band of Thieves

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Age

10

Genre

Folktale

Word Count

500 Words

Story at a Glance

Hong Kil-dong led a band of thieves in helping the poor. Hong Kil-dong took the wealth of corrupt government officials and gave it to the poor. He became a hero for the poor but an enemy of the rich. When the king and officials tried to capture Hong Kil-dong, he used the magic, martial arts, and the wisdom of the masters he had learned and mastered to escape. Hong Kil-dong lived to provide people with equality.

Activity Ideas

After reading the story, *Hong Kil-dong and the Band of Thieves*, let's learn the new words in the story. And, dig deeper into the story!



Key Words

ambitious

eager to succeed or to gain fame or power

awaken

to wake up

fulfill

to do what is called for

martial arts

work of self defense, such as tae kwon do, karate, or kung fu

wisdom

good judgment based on knowledge and experience

compete

to try to beat others in a contest or fight

thief

a person who steals

notorious

well known for something bad

Words Use

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

01 An _____ person will work hard to achieve his or her goal.

- ① ambition
- ② identity
- ③ awaken

02 The king couldn't _____ the thief.

- ① honest
- ② capture
- ③ fulfill
- ④ notorious

03 I was _____ by a strange voice in the middle of the night.

- ① corrupted
- ② notorious
- ③ awakened

04 _____ in martial arts are experts, and often teach others.

- ① Students
- ② Masters
- ③ Thieves

05 The greedy, _____ official collected too much in taxes from the people.

- ① corrupt
- ② honest
- ③ capture

Words Building

After reading *Hong Kil-dong and the Band of Thieves*, write the meaning of each word in your own words.

ambitious

awaken

fulfill

martial arts

wisdom

compete

thief

notorious

Understanding #1

Select 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if the statement is not correct. If you choose 'False' as an answer, think about what the right answer is.

- 01 Hong Kil-dong couldn't work for the government. T / F
- 02 Hong Kil-dong studied martial arts and magic. T / F
- 03 Hong Kil-dong agreed to lead the thieves. T / F
- 04 Hong Kil-dong took his men to live in the mountains. T / F

Understanding #2

01 What is the main idea of the story?

- ① Hong Kil-dong worked to right the wrongs of the government.
- ② Hong Kil-dong wanted to work for the government.
- ③ Hong Kil-dong was more powerful than the king.

02 Hong Kil-dong believed in equality because _____.

- ① he studied martial arts
- ② the government was always right
- ③ he wanted to be the leader
- ④ he had been treated unfairly

03 The old man taught Hong Kil-dong _____.

- ① how to become a king
- ② how to make a gun
- ③ everything he had to know
- ④ how to make a fire

04 When Hong Kil-dong met the band of men, they were _____.

- ① playing a game of darts
- ② robbing a corrupt mayor
- ③ having a rock lifting contest
- ④ running from the king

Understanding #3

Choose the order of the pictures that shows what happened in the story.

A



B



C



D



① B-C-A-D

② C-A-D-B

③ A-D-B-C

④ D-B-C-A

Read the passage below and choose the matching picture.

Hong Kil-dong picked up the largest rock and threw it a great distance. The men were amazed and asked Hong Kil-dong became their leader.

①



②



③



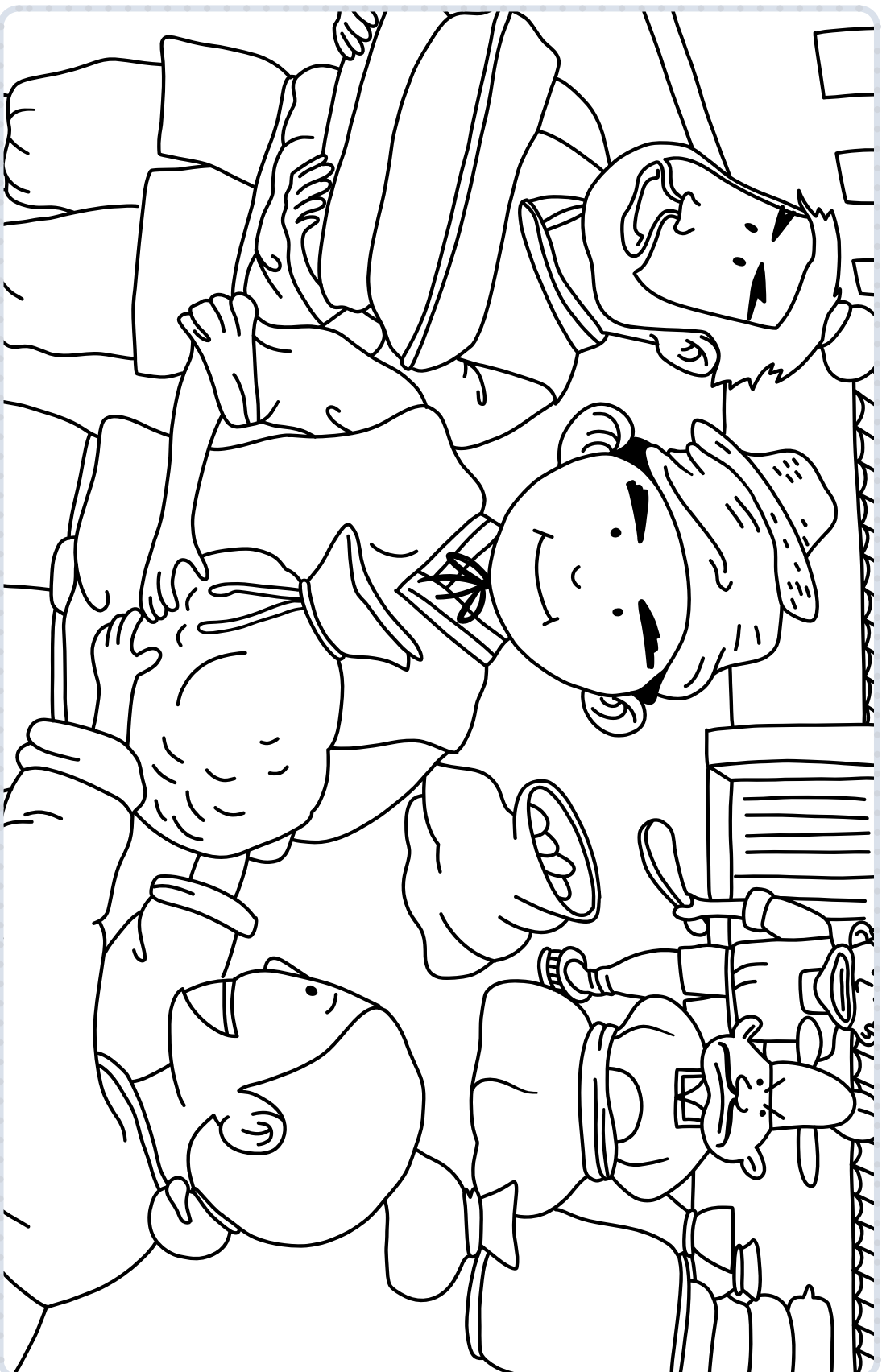
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Coloring Sheet

📅 DATE: _____

👤 NAME: _____



Speaking Fluency

Speak about the picture out loud.



Hong Kil-dong secretly _____

_____.

He then _____

_____.



The king was confused because _____

_____.

The king sent _____

_____.

Critical Thinking

Think about the questions and express your ideas or opinions about them.

01 Why did Hong Kil-dong put small rocks in his mouth?

02 What can we tell about Hong Kil-dong from the things he did to people both rich and poor?

03 Would you want to be friends with Hong Kil-dong? Tell why or why not.

Writing

Write about the story on a separate piece of paper.

Title

Author



Can this story happen in real life?

Yes

No



This story is about

(a little boy and a dog, a scarecrow, an old tree, etc.)

Draw a picture about the story and write a sentence or two about the picture.

Making Your Own Story

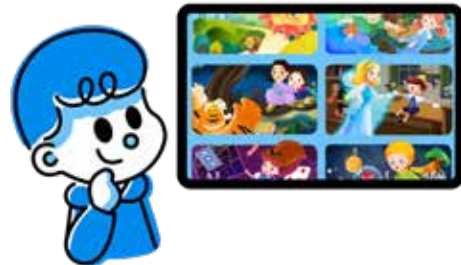


Download and make your own story in StorySelf.

Become a main character in the storybook



① Make your own face character in StorySelf.



② Choose *Hong Kil-dong and the Band of Thieves* story.



③ Choose your face character.



④ Enter the story and become the main character of the story.

Make your own voice storybook



① Enter the story, *Hong Kil-dong and the Band of Thieves*.



② Press the subtitle.



③ Record your voice for the subtitle.



④ Enjoy your voice in the storybook.

Answer Sheet

Words Use

- 1 - ①
- 2 - ②
- 3 - ③
- 4 - ②
- 5 - ①

Understanding #1

- 1 - T
- 2 - T
- 3 - T
- 4 - F

Understanding #2

- 1 - ①
- 2 - ④
- 3 - ③
- 4 - ③

Understanding #3

- Top - ③
- Bottom - ④

Speaking Fluency

[Left]

Hong Kil-dong secretly put some small rocks in his mouth.

He then pretended that the rocks came from the food.

[Right]

The king was confused because no one could identify who the real Hong Kil-dong was.

The king sent for Hong Kil-dong's father.

Critical Thinking

Possible Answer

1. Hong Kil-dong put small rocks in his mouth so that he could make it look like the mayor was trying to hurt him. By doing this, Hong Kil-dong was able to tie up the mayor and take his riches.
2. Hong Kil-dong is a man who believes in fairness and equality. He thought that it wasn't fair for the rich to have everything while the poor were treated badly. Hong Kil-dong is the type of person who would always stand up for the little people.
3. I would want to be friends with Hong Kil-dong because he would be able to teach me all the martial arts and magic he learned. Also, if anyone were to ever pick on me, Hong Kil-dong would stand up and fight for me.