

Lesson 71 - The Moon Family

Aim

- * to learn about the kindness of the Moon family
- * To learn to be kind to visitors

Materials

- * Pictures of Father's childhood in Sangsa-ri,
- * board game, counters, dice
- * Food to bring to Sunday school

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
2. A Farming Family
3. Good Parents
4. A Generous Family
5. Activities - board game, play acting, sharing food
6. Review lesson aims
7. Prayer

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1) Introduction

- * Who visits your home? Grandparents? Relatives? Neighbours? Friends? How do you greet them? How do you take care of them? Do your parents invite them for a meal? For tea or coffee? Do they sometimes stay overnight? Where do they sleep?
- * Do you visit other people's home sometimes? How do they greet you? How do they take care of you? What do you do?
- * Today's lesson is about how the Moon family took care of visitors, when Father was a child.

2) A Farming Family

- * Father was born into farming family. He was one of eight children. The house was one of a line of fifteen which made up a tiny village called Sangsa-ri. People called it 'Moon Village' because ten of the homes were of the Moon clan. Grandparents, parents and children all lived together in the same house.
- * The families in the village farmed the land, growing rice, millet, corn, beans, cabbages and radishes. They kept chickens for their eggs, and ate beef, pork or chicken on special occasions usually birthdays. It was a hard life, but nobody starved.

- * Would you like to live on a farm, growing your own food and taking care of animals. What animals do we see on a farm? What animals do you like? What food can we grow? If you were a farmer what jobs would you do? Would it be hard work to be on a farm?

3) Good Parents

- * Father's father was a gentle round-faced man, who never said a cross word to anyone and always kept a promise.

"My father was always a good example. He was a model gentleman, who kept his word. He always kept a promise even when it was very difficult. If he borrowed money he always paid it back and always by the promised time."

- * His mother worked very hard and prayed every day for her family.

"My mother sacrificed everything for her children. I often found her weaving cloth to make clothes for us. Especially for me, she made constant prayer conditions."

4) A Generous Family

The Moon family owned their own land, and were not as poor as others. They were known to be very generous. Whenever strangers came, asking for food, the Moon family always gave. They never turned anyone away.

"Our family had a tradition that we should never turn away poor people without feeding them. When guests came, we never sent them away empty-handed. That was our family tradition. My mother used to feed the people who passed through our hometown on their way to China. Almost every day she would feed people. Sometimes thirty or forty people came everyday. She lived like that, without a single word of complaint."

"My grandfather used to feed beggars in wintertime. When beggars came and asked for food, he would give them his own food. He himself would go without food. If a family feeds poor people from all over, that family will not perish. If you do so, your descendants will be welcomed by everyone everywhere."

Father was a friend to the poor. Because he saw a lot of poor people come to his home he really wanted to help them.

"When I was a child, I thought about poor people and wanted to be their friend. I was interested in the poor people. I didn't try to make friends with the children from rich families. In the village, when I knew that people were poor and hungry, I couldn't sleep and I tried hard to solve their problems. I wanted to be the best friend to everybody. When poor friends came to school with only barley and millet in their lunch boxes, I couldn't eat my own white rice. I used to trade with them. When my friends' parents were sick but had no money to go to the hospital, I went to my parents and begged them, with tears, for help."

5) Activities

- * Play "Journey to Sansa-ri" board game to remind the children where Father lived. Throw a dice to move forward. First to reach Sanga-ri is the winner.
- * Play act the Moon family's generosity (*Prepare snacks and drinks*)

- Play the roles of poor people coming to the Moon family home. They knock on the door, act tired and hungry, asking kindly for food. They gratefully come in and sit down. They eat happily, saying how delicious the food is. When they leave they have renewed energy, smile and express their gratitude.
- Play the roles of the Moon family welcoming poor people. Be very happy to share food and take good care of the guests. Make sure they have a seat and feel at home. Serve them something to drink. Give them generous portions of food. When they leave wish them good health and a safe journey. Children can play the roles of grandfather, father, mother and child.
- * Sharing Food - Before the lesson ask parents to prepare food to bring to Sunday school. It can be sandwiches, fruit or healthy snacks. The food is to be shared with everyone. This is to remind the children to be generous like the Moon family.

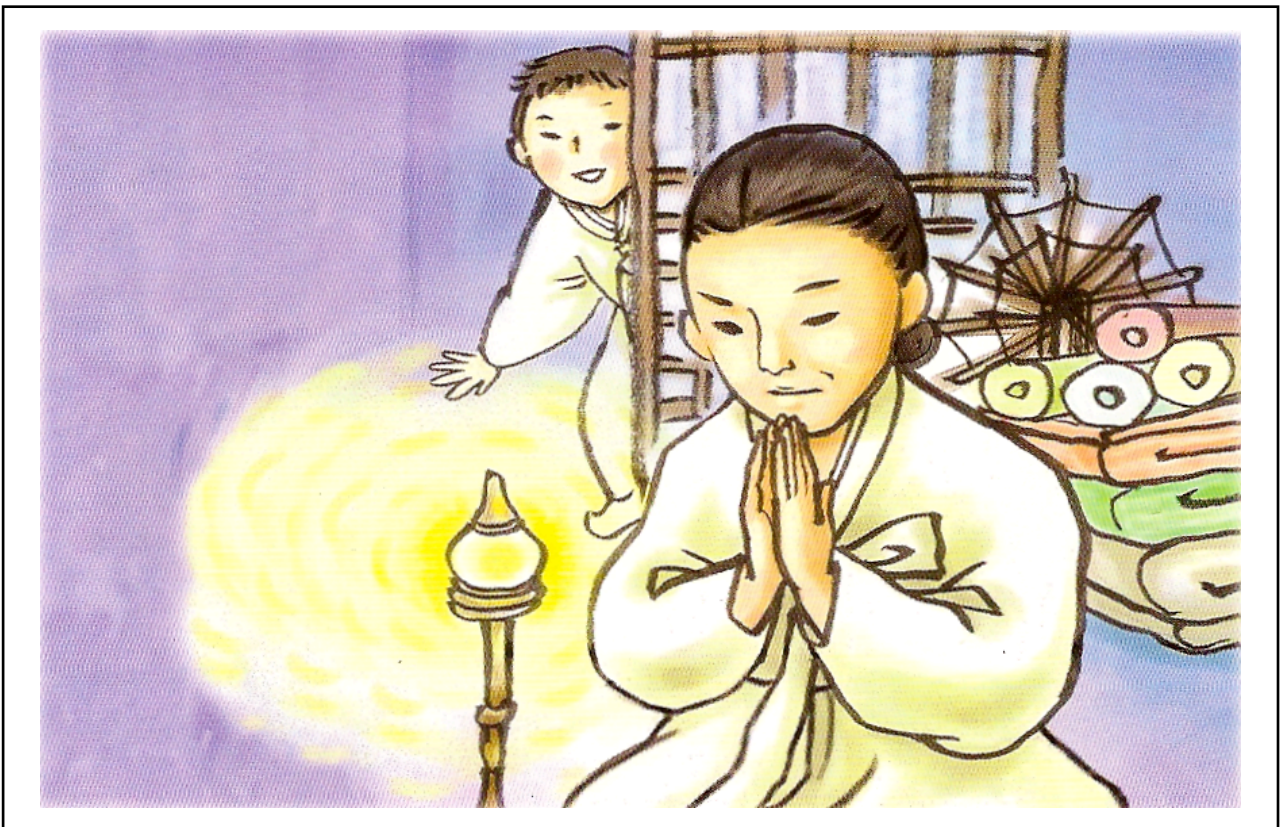
5) Review aims of lesson

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6) End with a prayer



Mother weaving cloth



Mother praying everyday for her family



Grandfather feeding a beggar

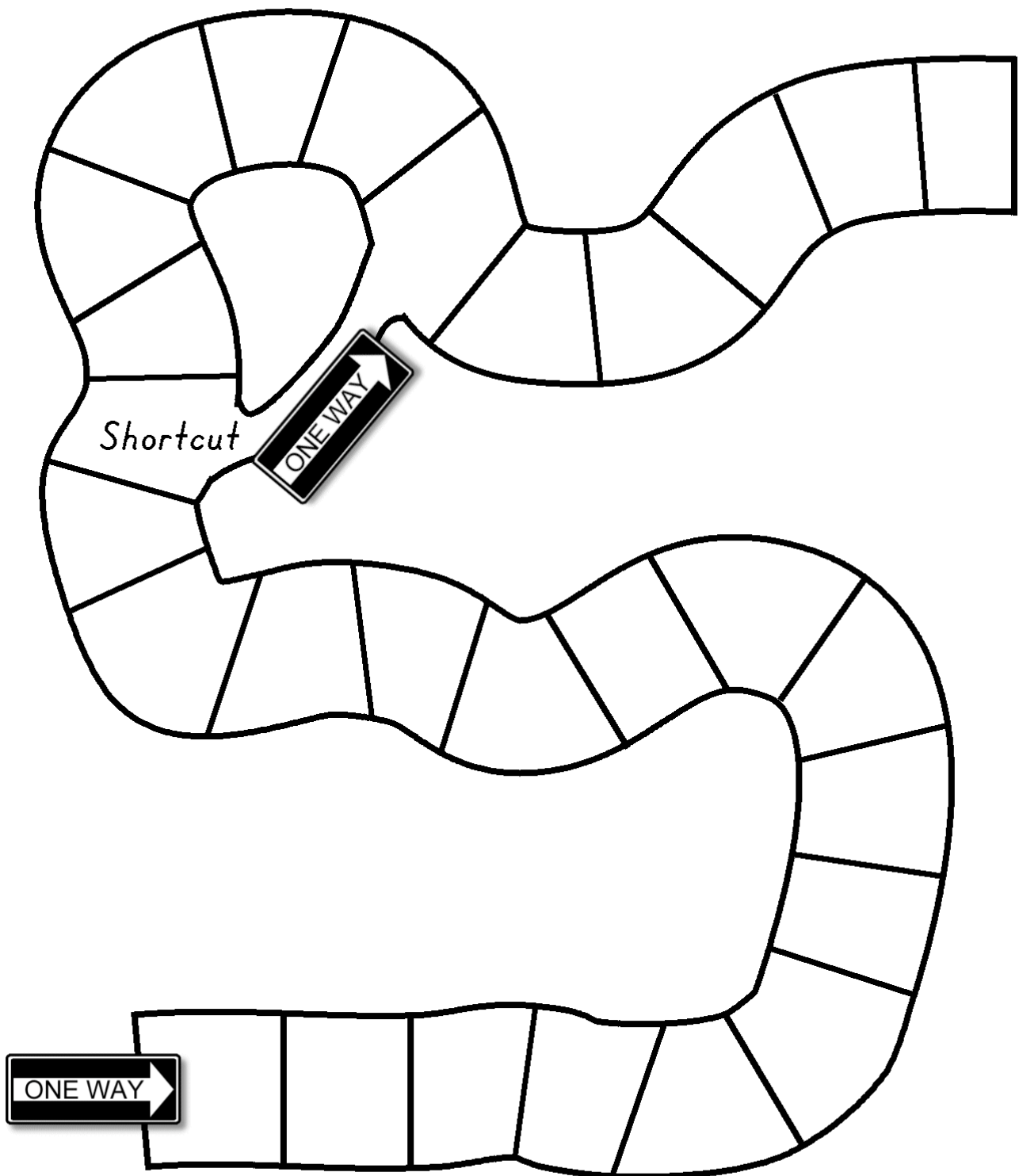


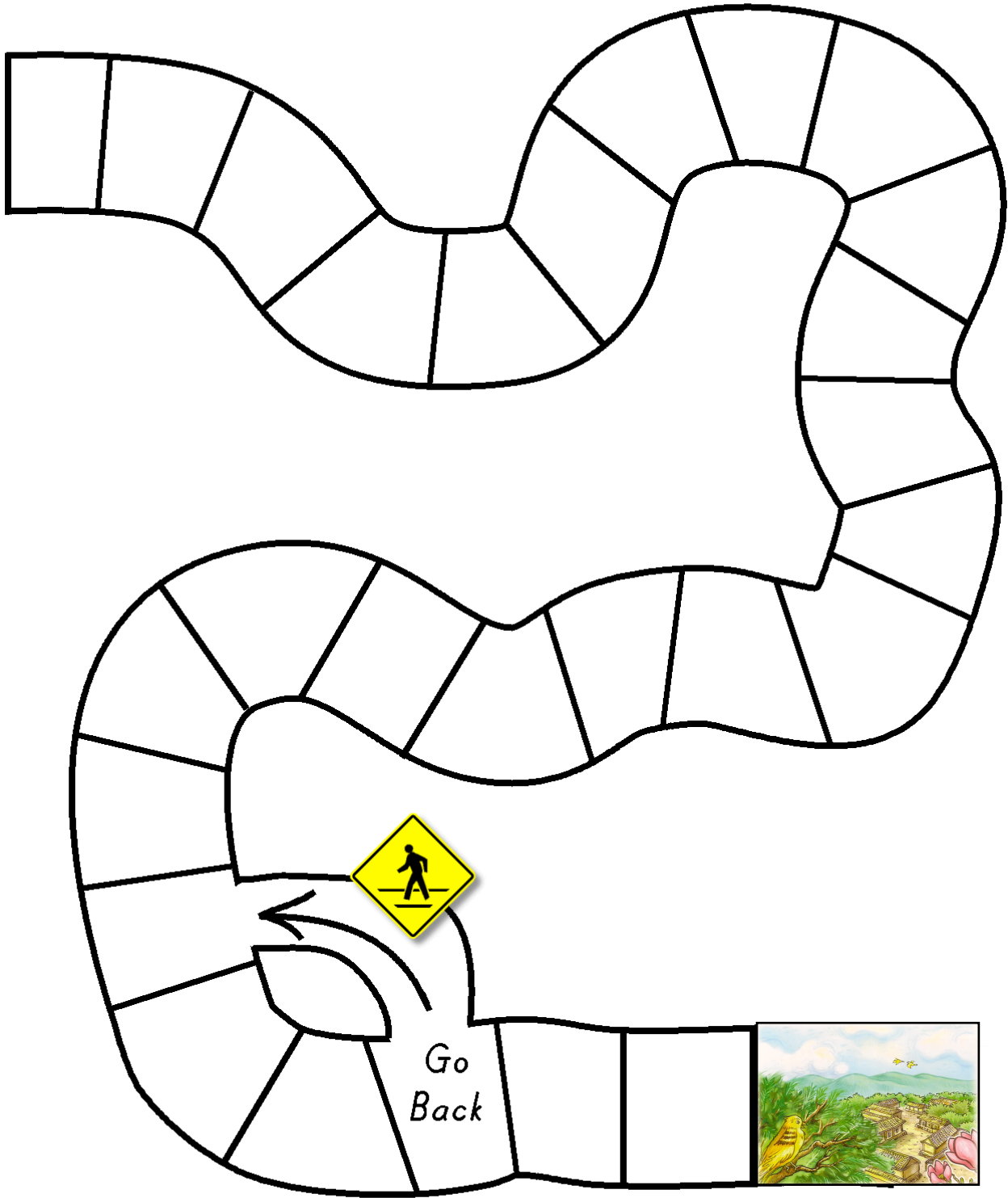
Being a friend to the poor



Mother feeding travellers

Journey to Sangsa-ri





Sangsa-ri