

# TALK KIDS



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## Filial piety (Family Devotion or goodness) Korean is "HYO"

### Story of the Devoted Tiger

The legend of old is a pure fairy tale in which animals can talk to humans. One day a woodcutter encountered a tiger in the mountains. In order to save his life, he tricked the tiger into believing that he was actually the man's older brother cursed to become an animal and having lost all memories because of his sin.

The tiger, taking his word, began to deliver food from his daily hunts and other goods to the woodcutter's house to help his human brother take good care of his mother. After the woodcutter's mother passed away, the woodcutter came across tiger cubs with white ribbons on their tails. The cubs explained that they were in mourning because their father had died of grief upon hearing of their human grandmother's death.

The moral of the traditional 'hyo' stories above is obvious; dutiful sons and daughters (even animals) can move heaven and earth and there is no virtue like filial piety. Such stories reflect not only the philosophy, but also the love between family members that later extends to loyalty to and respect for the nation.



Filial piety, or 'hyo' in Korean, was always considered the highest of all virtue in traditional Korean society, a foremost measure to judge one's character and worth.

## ACTIVITY

### Kite Flying

Not just a children's past time, many older Koreans enjoy flying kites, especially on major holidays such as Ch'usok and the Lunar New Year. The traditional Korean kite (yon) is made with bamboo sticks and Korean paper.





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## MAKING YOUR OWN KOREAN KITE

### Korean Kite - intermediate

This creative kite is perfect for high flying!

### Materials

#### MATERIALS:

Plastic sheet, tyvek or fabric, Bamboo sticks or wood dowels - 3 pieces 1/8"x18"

Tape (cloth) and double stick tape, String - 30' or longer, Hobby stick, Plastic strip or paper for tail

#### TOOLS:

Scissors, Ruler (yardstick), Pencil/pen, Magic markers (permanent), Toothpicks (3 pieces)

### Safety

**REMEMBER THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALWAYS WORK UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION. SOMETIMES WE USE THINGS THAT CAN BE HARMFUL, LIKE SCISSORS, SO DON'T EVER ATTEMPT TO MAKE THESE PROJECTS ALONE.**

### Instructions

1. Lay out sail (cut 13"x18"). Cut hole in sail 4 1/2" diameter in center 8 1/2" from the bottom.
2. Glue or tape stick across top of sail - fold sail (wrap) once. Stick must extend past sail by 1/2" both sides.
3. Tape sticks top corners to bottom corners diagonally. Extend sticks 1/2" past sail. Tape stick in center top to bottom. Make bridle by cutting a string 30" long. Tie each end to top corners.
4. Cut 40" long string and attach one end with larks head knot to lopp bridle at top. Tie other end to attachment point below center hole. Cut 10" long string for adjustable bridle loop and larks head to lower bridle.
5. Cut 16" long string for bowline from top corners. Bow the stick to make string 2" in center to horizontal stick.
6. Make fly line - 30" or more - and wind onto hobby stick. Attach fly line to bridle adjustable loop.
7. Adjust bridle - hand kite by fly line. Bottom of kite must hang lower than top. Adjust bridle to wind speed. Make tail with 2" plastic strips.

**More info and Video:** [http://www.kiteplans.org/planos/activitytv/314\\_Korean\\_Kite.html](http://www.kiteplans.org/planos/activitytv/314_Korean_Kite.html)