

Giang Giun Hates Soap

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Preparation

Teach students gestures for:

- WORM make a mean face and hold up claws like a wild animal
- HANDS hold up your hands and wiggle your fingers
- SOAP rub palms together as if you are washing hands with soap
- SAD make a sad face
- HAPPY make a big happy face and hold your arms up as if cheering
- FEET Tap toes gently

Note: In smaller classes, students can also make a sound for each gesture (growl for worm, sobbing for sad, etc.).

Select one child to hold up a picture of each word. Point to this child when you read the selected word.

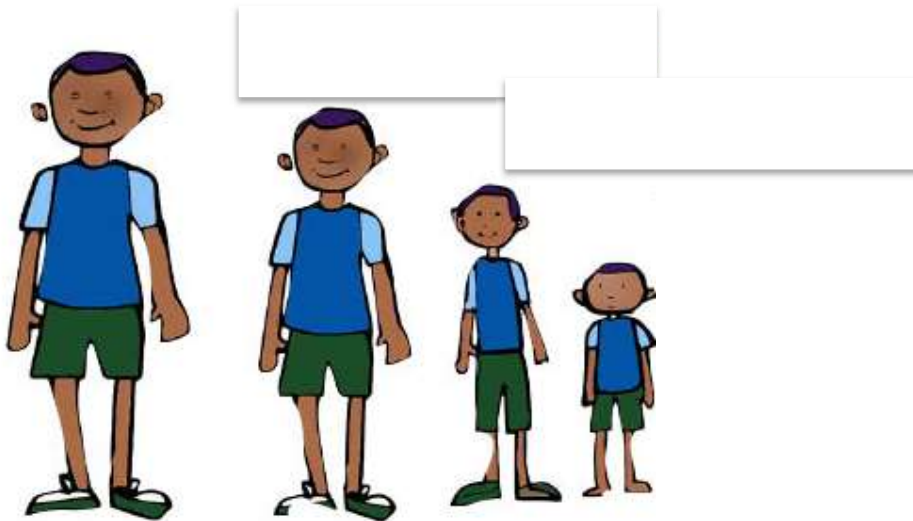
Read the story

Once upon a time, there was a WORM named Giang GIUN.



Giang, however, was no ordinary WORM. Giang was smart. And Giang was mean. Giang loved to attack people.

One day, Giang saw four brothers who lived away from home. Away from their friends. Away from their families. And Giang the WORM decided to attack them one by one.



The first brother was Hoang. Hoang was a smart boy, but he was very forgetful. He was always losing one thing or forgetting another thing. And one day, after he used the toilet, he forgot to wash his HANDS with SOAP! His HANDS looked clean. His HANDS smelled clean.

When he got hungry Hoang decided that he would eat some «biscuits». Who do you think was on his HANDS? Giang the WORM! And when Hoang put his HAND to his mouth, the WORM went right inside.

Poor Hoang soon fell ill. He was very SAD. But Giang, ah, Giang the WORM was very, very HAPPY!

The second brother, Duc, was even smarter than Hoang. He saw what happened to his big brother and he knew that Giang the WORM would want to get him next. So after Duc visited the toilet, he always washed his HANDS with SOAP.



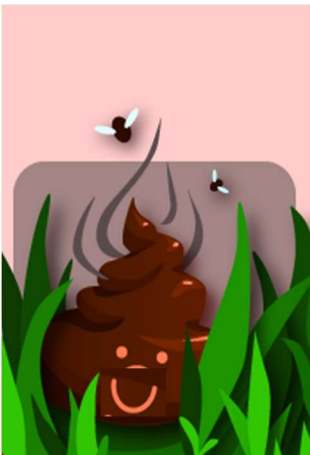
But Giang the WORM was very smart. He hid on his brother Hoang's hands. When Hoang touched his brother Duc, Giang the WORM hopped on to Duc's HANDS. When Duc ate, he got some filth from Hoang's hands, and do you know who else? That is right, Giang the WORM!



Soon Duc felt as ill as his brother Hoang. Duc was very SAD. But Giang, ah, Giang the WORM was very, very HAPPY!

The third brother, Nam, learned from his brothers. He always used SOAP after visiting the toilet. And he always washed with SOAP before eating.

But Giang the WORM was not done. When Duc made number two outdoors, Giang the WORM rode into the fresh air.



Then Giang the WORM waited for Nam to walk by. When Nam was playing with his friends, Giang the WORM hopped onto his bare FEET. Giang could climb right through the foot into Giang's tummy.



Poor Nam soon fell ill. He was very SAD. But Giang, ah, Giang the WORM was very, very HAPPY!

Little Nguyen, the last brother, was the smartest. He was very SAD that his brothers were both ill. He was also very careful. Nguyen knew that the Giang the WORM would be after him next!

Little Nguyen remembered everything.

When Nguyen played outside, he always wore sandals on his FEET.



And after Nguyen went to the toilet, he made sure to wash his HANDS with SOAP.

Nguyen knew that Giang the WORM could try to get on his hands from those who forgot to wash with SOAP. So, before he sat down to eat, Nguyen walked to the tap and poured water on his HANDS. He then put SOAP on his HANDS and rubbed them well. Nguyen washed away all the filth on his hands. And Nguyen also used that water and SOAP to wash away Giang the WORM!

(Handwashing demonstration. Make them repeat it)

Giang the WORM was in trouble. Nguyen washed his HANDS with SOAP and water after going to the toilet and before eating. And Nguyen wore sandals when he played outside. Giang the WORM could not attack Nguyen!

Giang the WORM was now very, very SAD. And Nguyen, ah, Nguyen, was very, *very*, **VERY** HAPPY!