LESSON PLAN

An Antidote

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	1

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Begin with a brief discussion on the importance of making wise choices. Ask students to share examples of decisions they made that had significant consequences, setting the stage for the story.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read 'An Antidote' aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to ask questions and gauge student reactions. Discuss the characters and their significance in the story.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups and assign them to identify the moral of the story. Encourage them to relate it to other wisdom-packed moral stories they know. Each group will present their findings.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Have students reflect on a personal experience where they faced a consequence from a poor choice. They will write a short paragraph about it, emphasizing the lesson learned.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Use a quick formative assessment by asking students to share their reflections. Evaluate their understanding of the moral lessons and their ability to connect the story to real-life situations.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: An Antidote; The moral of the story is that poor choices can lead to painful consequences, and one must seek appropriate remedies to correct mistakes.
- **Plot Summary**: A young Ostrich suffers from severe stomach pain after consuming a keg of nails. Concerned for its health, the Mother Ostrich advises the young one on how to remedy the situation, highlighting the importance of making wise choices.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **Young Ostrich**: Represents naivety and the consequences of poor decisions.
  - **Mother Ostrich**: Symbolizes wisdom and the nurturing aspect of guidance in correcting mistakes.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will identify the key elements of the story.
- Students will discuss the consequences of poor choices as depicted in the story.
- Students will analyze the advice given by the Mother Ostrich and its relevance to real-life situations.
- Students will create their own short moral stories based on personal experiences or observations.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What led the young Ostrich to make such a poor choice, and how can this relate to real-life decisions?
  2. How does the Mother Ostrich's advice reflect wisdom found in other moral stories?
  3. What are some lessons we can learn from this story that apply to our everyday lives?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story 'An Antidote'
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing implements for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.